Texas A&M Law Review Symposium

From Investigation to Post-Conviction: Privacy and Technology in Modern Criminal Procedure

Friday, March 26, 2021  |  8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CDT
Online via Zoom  |  3.0 CLE credit hours available

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8:30 a.m.  Welcome – Robert B. Ahdieh, Dean, Texas A&M University School of Law

8:40 a.m.  Keynote – Alec Karakatsanis, Founder & Executive Director, Civil Rights Corps
Interviewed by Olivia Countryman, Texas A&M Law Review Editor-in-Chief

9:20 a.m.  Facial Recognition Panel -- 1.0 CLE hour
This panel will cover the use of facial recognition technology in law enforcement investigations. It will include how the information is obtained from third party providers, how the information is used, as well as the legal and privacy considerations that arise from the use of this technology. Panelists:

- Maurice R. Dyson, Professor of Law, Suffolk University
- Andrew Guthrie Ferguson, Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law
- Clare Garvie, Senior Associate, Center on Privacy & Technology, Georgetown University Law Center; Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown Law
- Moderator: Susan Phillips, Professor of Law, Texas A&M University School of Law

10:10 a.m.  Algorithm Panel -- 1.0 CLE hour
This panel will cover the use of algorithms in the criminal sentencing phase. It will discuss the constitutionality of the use of this technology and privacy implications on the individual getting sentenced. This panel will discuss the disproportional effects this technology has on people from different backgrounds, race, gender, ethnicity, etc. as well as other legal implications that arise from the use of these algorithms. Panelists:

- Ángel Díaz, Counsel, Liberty & National Security, Brennan Center for Justice
- Jason Tashea, journalist, entrepreneur, researcher, former Georgetown Law adjunct professor
- Rebecca Wexler, Assistant Professor of Law, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law
- Moderator: Hannah Bloch-Wehba, Associate Professor of Law, Texas A&M University School of Law

11:00 a.m.  Break

11:10 a.m.  Background Checks Panel -- 1.0 CLE hour
This panel will cover the access to extensive background checks being used in employment, school acceptance, housing, etc. decisions. This panel will discuss these background searches’ effect on privacy and society. Panelists:

- Colleen V. Chien, Professor of Law, Santa Clara University School of Law
- Dr. Sarah E. Lageson, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Criminal Justice
- David McElhattan, Assistant Professor, Purdue University
- Antonio Reza, Advisor, Paper Prisons
- Moderator: Amber Baylor, Associate Professor of Law, Criminal Defense Clinic Director, Texas A&M University School of Law

12:00 p.m.  Closing Remarks