Hot Topics in Informatics and Intellectual Property Law

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Today’s Program

- What is Informatics?
- What is Legal Informatics?
- Areas of Law at the Intersection of Law and Technology:
  - Electronic Discovery
  - Cybersecurity
- New and Emerging Technologies for the Practice of Law
- Challenges with New and Emerging Technologies:
  - Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL)
  - Law Firm Marketing and Advertising
  - Intellectual Property Law Issues
- The Future of Law Practice and How Informatics Can Help
History of Informatics

- Around the world
- First School of Informatics: University of Edinburgh, Scotland
- Second School of Informatics: Indiana University, 2000
- Since that time, other schools and programs
  - Some called School or College of Informatics, Northern Kentucky University College of Informatics
  - Some developed from Library Science or Information Science programs – the iSchools group [http://www.ischools.org/](http://www.ischools.org/)
  - Some information technology programs have considerable overlap
  - Informatics is found in other schools, such as Nursing Informatics
What is Informatics?

- Understanding the impact technology has on people.
- The development of new uses for technology.
- The application of information technology in the context of another field (legal informatics, health informatics).
- Informatics is a new field of study that gives students the skills to apply information technology to another field - from health care to journalism to biology to economics.
- “Informaticists” can then use technology to harness the power of information and make exciting new discoveries that make us more productive at home and at work.
More Definitions

- A bridge between content areas/disciplines/fields of study and the technology
- “X” informatics – with the X standing for any content area of subject – music informatics, health informatics, bioinformatics, legal informatics, etc.
- A unique curriculum that combines IT concepts with other areas of study, opening rewarding career opportunities for graduates.
Our Undergraduate Programs

- Bachelor’s degrees:
  - Informatics: students choose an “area of specialization” - one of these choices is legal informatics. Also includes 5-year BS/MS programs and a new B.S. to M.J. 5-year program.
  - Media Arts & Science
  - Health Information Management
  - Also undergraduate certificates in:
    - Informatics
    - Medical Coding
Our Master’s Programs

- Master’s degrees in:
  - Bioinformatics
  - Health informatics
  - Human-Computer Interaction (HCI)
  - Media Arts & Science
  - Informatics with five specializations – including Sports Analytics and Data Science
  - Collaborations with other schools
Our Doctoral Programs

- PhD degrees in:
  - Bioinformatics
  - Health Informatics
  - Human-Computer Interaction (HCI)
  - Developing a PhD in Data Science
Early Attempt at a Virtual Courthouse
What is Legal Informatics?

- Legal informatics has been described as “the study of the application of information technologies to the field of law and the use of these technologies by legal professionals.”
- Therefore, the focus of the legal informatics area of specialization/certificate is on the effective use of cutting-edge technology in the study and practice of law.
- Legal informatics also includes the law related to technology, such as intellectual property law, privacy and security.
History of Legal Informatics

- Used infrequently – most notably in the countries of the European Union and Japan
- In the U.S., “legal information technology”
- IT law/computer law versus IT applied to the practice of law
- Jurimetrics
- Results of research paper I wrote in June 2004
- University of Edinburgh School of Law
- Legal informatics IS NOT legal bibliography
What About Career Opportunities?

- As law firms convert from a paper-based practice to a practice using a full range of software, there are a considerable number of exciting career opportunities.

- Responsibilities could encompass everything from setting up databases of documents for a trial to running all of the software to manage a law firm’s operational functions, such as time-keeping and billing.

- Duties could also include preparing audio, visual and multimedia materials and presentations for accident reconstructions, criminal investigations and to explain the intricacies of machinery and high-tech inventions.
What About Career Opportunities?

- Current openings in legal informatics may be found on the websites for ILTA: http://careers.iltanet.org/jobs
- Prediction is that one of the hottest areas for law will be in law + tech – in other words, someone with legal background and strong technology skills.
- A student who pursues the legal informatics as an area of specialization may choose to continue his/her education by attending law school to become an attorney or by seeking the Masters of Jurisprudence (MJ) degree.
- 95% of UK law firms are undertaking major IT projects to increase efficiency.
Courses in the Legal Informatics Area of Specialization/Certificate

- I350 Foundations in Legal Informatics – Fall (all types of hardware and software used in a law practice and the courtroom)
- N480 Technology and the Law – Spring (covers intellectual property law, contracts, employment agreements, licensing, rights of privacy and publicity issues)
- I330 Legal and Social Informatics of Security – Spring (cybersecurity, including privacy issues)
- I470 Litigation Support Systems and Courtroom Presentations (specialized software tools, especially SmartDraw) - Summer
- I410 Electronic Discovery – Fall

- All courses are online
- 15 credit hours
- Free-standing or as part of a degree
- Undergraduate certificate, but all courses also available at graduate level
Examples of Student Work from INFO I470 Litigation Support Systems and Courtroom Presentations

Based on a real-world event – a slip and fall in a pharmacy.
A Year in the Life of Sally Jo Alexander

Ms. Alexander trips and falls at DrugMart Pharmacy

Still in pain. Visits hospital. X-rays show 3 fractured ribs. Also has a mild concussion, and badly bruised and swollen arms and legs.

Develops pneumonia. Kept in hospital 3 additional days.

Released from hospital.


May

Ms. Alexander visits pharmacy and presents the bill for her injuries. Manager says they will "take care of it."

June

8 months after receiving the bill, the Pharmacy has made no attempt to pay.

April 2011

April 2012

Photograph of arm

Photograph of leg

Photograph of arm

Photograph of leg
Illustration of DrugMart Pharmacy. All measurements in this and the illustrations to follow are approximate.
Accident Description:

Plaintiff arrived at the pharmacy to pick up her prescription. She entered through the main entrance and crossed the front of the store. She proceeded to walk toward the candy aisle. Upon turning up the aisle, she tripped over shelving units which were placed on the floor. The fall resulted in the plaintiff's injuries.
Event Timeline

4/24/10 Fall at pharmacy (2:30 pm)

4/26/10 Hospital Visit
  - Bruising arms & legs
  - X Ray
  - Fractured ribs
  - Concussion

5/3/10 Hospital Visit
  - X Ray
  - Series of tests
  - Broken arm
  - Torn ligaments

6/9/10 Revisit Pharmacy
  - Spoke with Manager
  - Assured medical expense would be covered

5/3/10 - 5/9/10 Admitted to hospital
  - Surgery
  - Caught pneumonia

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1/31/11 Medical expenses still unpaid

2/9/11 Filed suit against pharmacy

Successful Graphic Artist

During Hospital stay
  - Loses four freelance accounts

Loses more accounts

Hospital bills $58,965
  - Lost income $42,000

January
  - Q1 - 2010
  - Q2 - 2010

February
  - Q3 - 2010

March
  - Q4 - 2010
  - Q1 - 2011

April
  - Q2 - 2011

May
  - Q3 - 2011

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

January

February

March
3D Animations Used as Evidence

- Many companies provide this service.
- The one I always highlight is Demonstratives, Inc., http://www.demonstratives.com/

Cases this company has worked on are:

- *KSR v. Teleflex* - animation was used at the argument in front of the U.S. Supreme Court
- *Uniloc v. Microsoft*
- *Affymetrix v. Illumina*
- *Sprint v. Vonage*
A Clear Demonstration of Fact

3D Animation Gallery

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KSR v. Teleflex

November 1, 2011

(Mechanical Engineering) – Demonstratives created animations for KSR, demonstrating the operation of adjustable foot plates in the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision on obviousness as applied to patent claims. The Solicitor General of the United States stated, “The Petitioner has supplied an animation that helpfully illustrates that point.”

Litigation Animation: KSR v. Teleflex

Related Documents
KSR v. Teleflex
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Technology in a Modern Courtroom…

- Means that law firms, courts and other law-related organizations will need people who have appropriate training in legal informatics (law + tech).

- Electronic discovery as an emerging area in law practice – at the intersection between legal informatics and records management.
Intersection Between Informatics and Law

- Electronic discovery – IP law cases, amended FRCP (proportionality), predictive coding, social media (ephemeral), wearable technology, Internet of Things
- Law firm technology – Rule 1.1 on Competence and Comment
- Cybersecurity: legal, social, organizational, technological and physical issues as well as privacy rights – Internet of Things/wearable technology
- Information Governance (Collection, preservation, accessibility of information/data) – for law firms and their clients. Information as a strategic asset.
- Knowledge management – “big data”, data analytics and data visualization, “dark” data
Challenge for Law Firms

- The T-Shaped Lawyer – Nelson and Simek
- Quote from the State Bar of Michigan Solo and Small Firm Institute on a law firm’s intellectual capital:
  - 80% of a law firm’s “knowledge” is stored as non-structured data, such as electronic documents and email. (Note: also referred to as “dark data”.)
  - If you can’t access it, you are giving it up.
  - This is knowledge management.
Nearly 70% of legal technology professionals expect their organizations’ investment in legal data analytics to increase over the next two years. Currently,

- 64% report using it for e-discovery
- 33% report using it for litigation management
- 29% report using it for information governance
10 Hottest Alternative Legal Careers in 2016 – *The National Jurist*

- Compliance
- Legal Technology*
- Risk Management
- Intellectual Capital Management
- Contracts and Procurement
- Data Protection*
- Campus Administration
- Law Teaching and Training
- Mediation
- Insurance
Other Hiring Predictions

- Information governance
- Predictive coding/electronic discovery
- Cybersecurity
- Privacy consulting
- Jobs with legal technology vendors
- Legal technologist
- Legal knowledge engineer
- Legal project manager
- Data Solutions Practice – Warner Norcross & Judd
Each Step of the EDRM Can Benefit from the Technology

Legal Technology Comes Into Its Own: “The Triumvirate”

- Professional Associations: International Legal Technology Association (ILTA)
- Journals: Legal Tech News
- Conferences: ABA Tech Show, LegalTech, ILTA conferences
- Education: Legal informatics, more experiential learning using technology
New and Emerging Technologies for the Practice of Law

- Casemaker, Fastcase, Google Scholar challenge the monopoly of Lexis and WestLaw – also Ravel - https://www.ravellaw.com/
- Heatmaps – for example, for predictive coding cases, heat map of global risk
- Benchmarking of billing rates
- Venture capitalists now funding legal services/legal technology start-ups – new generation of legal technology entrepreneurs
- Lex Machina – machine learning and natural language processing for documents related to intellectual property cases – Mark Lemley at Stanford
- Cloud computing – but security issues and see rules of professional conduct
Cont.

- Groupon
- Avvo, ZeekBeek – lawyer matching and marketing services
- Social media - “Gaggle on the Gavel”
- Diligence Engine – software that automates contract review
- Practice management systems – Clio
- Client Intake – Lexicata, Intake 123 and Rocket Matter Intake
- Analytical tool to predict Supreme Court decisions
- PactSafe, Inc., CasePacer, ipAnalytx
The Challenges of New and Emerging Technologies

- Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL) – LegalZoom, trust mills, immigration cases – grappling with the future of the legal profession and how to educate lawyers for the 21st century – because technology companies are now attempting to fill the gap
- Law firm marketing and advertising – per the Indiana Rules of Professional Conduct – proposed revisions would remove all of the examples, with just a standard that the material not be “misleading”
- Can technology assist with addressing the burgeoning problem of unserved and underserved citizens?
- Can technology make the practice of law more efficient, so that it costs less (so that more people can afford it)?
- Intellectual property law issues
- Virtual law practice – but what about licensure?
The Future of Law Practice and How Informatics Can Help With This

- Big data, data analytics and data visualizations – for internal law firm management and marketing as well as case analysis – already being used in IP/patent analysis
- Electronic discovery systems and predictive coding
- 3D printing of demonstrative evidence
- Law firm website development, including usability testing
- Software tools for nearly any law firm function
- Mobile technologies and apps – but what about security?
- Cloud computing, outsourcing – but security and privacy issues with this
But Now for Something Completely Different…

☐ 3D Printing

☐ At the intersection of law and informatics:
  - Intellectual property law issues
  - Rules of evidence, civil procedure, etc.

☐ My flute made with 3D printing
  - The first thing my colleague asked was whether there were any copyright concerns.
  - Earlier project was The Virtual Early Flute.
  - First project: *Fiddler’s Fruit* shoulder rests
Legal Issues with 3D Printing


- And also being used in litigation: Laird, L. Physical evidence: A Florida company offers 3D printing for demonstrative evidence. *ABA Journal*, Feb. 2015, p. 11. New companies being established to provide this service.

3D PRINTED HUMAN ANATOMY

MRI’s take stacks of images, each representing a slice through layers of tissue. We reconstruct physical 3D models from these types of images. The resulting computer and physical models of human anatomy generated from medical scan data can be used to establish harm in personal injury lawsuits.
Surgery Simulation Models

3D printing demonstrative evidence

3D printing for television
Attempts to Make Instruments Using 3D Printing


Roll over Stradivarius! A 3-D printed cello?!
3D-Printed Violin: 2-string 3D printed violin to be revealed in New York
3D Printed Guitar ($3500, includes case)
From Baroque flute to 3D flute…
Baroque Flute Iconography
Famous Flute Performer: Frederick the Great (of Prussia)
MakerBot
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☐ Legal Informatics website: http://soic.iupui.edu/undergraduate/minors-certificates/legal-informatics/

☐ For my biographical information, see http://soic.iupui.edu/people/sara-hook/
Any Questions?

Thank you for attending today’s presentation!
Have a great day!