



Smart Legal Opinions Symposium - 19 November 2025

Agenda



Time	Speaker	Firm	Details
09:00	Refreshments and Networking		
09:30	Professor Akber Datoo	University of Surrey & D2LT	Introduction
	Dr Ira Lindsay	University of Surrey	
09:40	Jeffrey Golden KC (Hon)	3 Hare Court Chambers	The creation of the ISDA Master Agreement and the important of close-out netting enforceability opinions
10:10	Philip Wood CBE KC (Hon)	A&O Sherman	Close-out netting on insolvency - digitalisation to the rescue?
10:40	Paul Williams	University of Surrey	Smart Legal Opinions - Law expressed in Data
	Ryan Winnett	D2LT	
11:05	Coffee Break		
11:20	Flavia Lima-McCulloch	ISDA	Legal Opinions - The Role of Trade Associations & CDM
	David Shone	ISDA	
11:50	Professor Akber Datoo	D2 Legal Technology	Smart Legal Opinions
12:20	Ian Jeffery	Law Society	The changing role of lawyers in the face of tech developments
12:35	Ciarán McGonagle	Tokenovate	Legal Opinions - where FinTech and LegalTech need to collide?
13:00	Afzal Pradhan	Hand on Heart	
13:10	LUNCH		
14:00	Professor Robert Kowalski	Imperial College	Logical English for Legal Applications
14:25	Miguel Calejo	Logical Contracts	Can we vibe logical contracts and opinions?
14:45	Miklos Orban	Gunnercooke	What can we expect lawyers to do? A CTO's view
	Simon Maharaj	D2 Legal Technology	
15:00	Professor Sarah Green	University of Bristol	Paper legal opinions for digital assets?
	Emma Wooldridge	D2 Legal Technology	
15:25	Coffee Break		
15:40	Professor Karim Aldohni	University of Newcastle	The future of legal opinions in sharia compliant structures
16:05	James Sagayaraj	University of Surrey	Enhancing Legal Opinions with Retrieval
16:25	Professor Diptesh Kanojia	University of Surrey	The role for AI in legal opinions
16:55	Akber Datoo	D2LT	Q&A Discussion
	Jeffrey Golden KC (Hons)	3 Hare Court Chambers	
17:25	Professor Akber Datoo	University of Surrey	Closing remarks
17:30	Networking Drinks		