



LEGAL TalkAfrica 2026 SOUTH AFRICA

The Lawyer's Dilemma in a Digital Ecosystem

The Lawyer's Dilemma in a Digital Ecosystem highlights the everyday decisions lawyers must navigate as artificial intelligence, automation, digital workflows, and data-driven practices redefine how law is delivered and experienced.

The Programme

Friday 5 June, Johannesburg, South Africa

09:00
11:00

Set-Up – The Venue, Melrose Arch

11:00
12:00

Registration, Networking & Coffee

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12:10

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Tertia Barrett / Kelsey Read – nCino

A brief introduction to the 2026 theme, programme and announcements

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The Era of the Legal Orchestrator

Andre van Jaarsveldt – Legal Serve

Join us as we explore how the legal profession is transforming from reactive documentation to proactive orchestration.

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Synthetic Intelligence vs Artificial Intelligence: Beyond Automation – The Rise of Digital Reasoning

George Findlay – LexisNexis

Examines the distinction between AI and SI, how each could impact human judgment, and their potential to transform decision-making in justice and commerce.

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AI & Financial Crime: A New Age of Fraud Detection and Compliance

Tertia Barrett / Kelsey Read – nCino

Evolving trends on how criminals leverage AI for financial crime, identity theft, and money laundering and the emerging technology designed to fight back.

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From FinTech to RegTech: Compliance in the Age of Algorithmic Finance

Mark Pillai – AJS

Exploring how technology can simplify real-time compliance, e-invoicing, and tax reporting, including implications for VAT modernization.

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Networking & Light Lunch

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Start of second session

Tertia Barrett / Kelsey Read – nCino

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The Tokenized Law Firm: Smart Contracts, Digital Assets & Property on the Blockchain

Candice Dawkshas – Schindlers Digital Assets

A 30-minute flagship session connecting law firm digitization, blockchain innovation, and tokenization of assets, with use cases in property, legal contracting, and finance.

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Cyber Law, Data Sovereignty & Cross-Border Privacy Challenges

Leah Molatseli

Addresses data ownership, digital identity, and the regulatory tension between innovation and individual privacy in a globalized data economy

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Security & Risk Mitigation in Digital Cross-Border Payments

Lauren Marsh – Currency Partners

As law firms digitise workflows, international payments are often executed faster — but are they safer? Speed vs. security. Efficiency vs. fiduciary responsibility.

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16:05

Panel Discussion and Q&A

Leah Molatseli & The Speakers

An engaging panel discussion lead by Leah Molatseli with the presenters. How do you adapt with technologies evolving faster than law?

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3 Minute Product & Services Overview

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Reflection / Closing

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Networking & Drinks

**Thank you for attending.
See You Next Year!**



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