



LEGAL Talk Africa 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

Wednesday 16 September, Cape Town, South Africa

07:00 08:00	Set-Up – D’Aria
08:00 09:00	Registration, Networking & Coffee
09:00 09:10	Welcome & Opening Remarks Tertia Barrett / Kelsey Bates – nCino A brief introduction to the 2026 theme, programme and announcements
09:10 09:30	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.
09:30 09:50	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.
09:50 10:10	AI & Financial Crime: A New Age of Fraud Detection and Compliance Tertia Barrett / Kelsey Bates – nCino Evolving trends on how criminals leverage AI for financial crime, identity theft, and money laundering and the emerging technology designed to fight back.
10:10 10:30	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.
10:30 11:15	Networking & Breakfast
11:15 11:25	Start of second session Tertia Barrett / Kelsey Bates – nCino
11:25 11:55	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.
11:55 12:15	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
12:15 12:35	Security & Risk Mitigation in Digital Cross-Border Payments Lauren Marsh & Gary Hogan – Currency Partners As law firms digitise workflows, international payments are often executed faster — but are they safer? Speed vs. security. Efficiency vs. fiduciary responsibility.
12:35 13:05	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?
13:05 13:20	Power Pitches
13:20 13:30	Reflection / Closing

**Thank you for attending.
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