



# 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

Friday 5 June, Johannesburg, South Africa

07:00  
08:00

**Set-Up – The Venue, Melrose Arch**

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.

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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.

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**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.

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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 & Breakfast**

11:15  
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**Start of second session**  
**Tertia Barrett / Kelsey Bates – 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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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

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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.

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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?

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**Power Pitches**

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13:30

**Reflection / Closing**

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



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