

# Technology: Law's Collaborative Catalyst



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Legal Hackers chapters host free, public events--including meet-ups, workshops, demo nights, and hackathons--in order to build community and foster creative problem-solving at the intersection of law and technology. This social objective is emblematic of the new global community. It is a reminder to the legal profession that it is intended not only to serve individual clients zealously, competently, and ethically but also to protect and defend the rule of law.

## **Legal Education is Being Reimagined and Realigned with The Marketplace**

A handful of law schools are in the vanguard of curriculum reform designed to prepare [the future lawyer](#). Bucerius (Germany), IE (Spain), and The University of Miami's '[LawWithoutWalls](#),' are examples of law programs that have aligned their curricula to the marketplace, providing students with a global industry perspective, core practice skills, exposure to core legal delivery competencies—project management, data analytics, impact of technology on legal delivery, business basics, collaboration, etc.-- experiential learning, and other in-demand skillsets. These institutions meld legal, technological, and business training to provide graduates--and



## Conclusion

Technology is often seen as disconnecting people from one another-- promoting detachment, isolation, and fostering a *faux* intimacy by creating virtual 'relationships.' But technology is also a cohesive force—especially in the legal industry. It has spawned innovation in a precedent-bound culture, replaced parochialism with globalism, transformed a zero-sum ethos into one where 'everyone wins' solutions are sought, and imbued the industry with a new energy, focus, and resolve to address its wicked problems and to improve legal delivery. At the same time, the pervasive use of technology in law is a clarion call to hone emotional intelligence-- 'people skills.' Becoming a 'trusted advisor' is about building client trust and confidence with demonstrated expertise, judgment, outstanding service, and compassion. These characteristics separate humans from machines, and both are required to solve law's wicked problems and to improve legal delivery for all.