

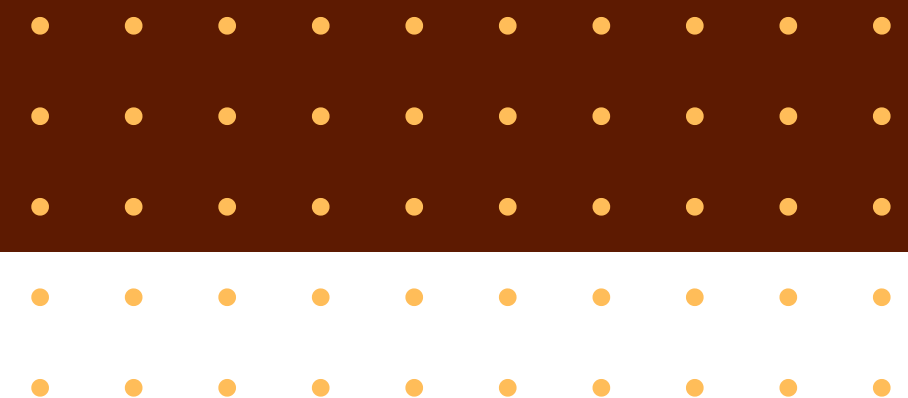
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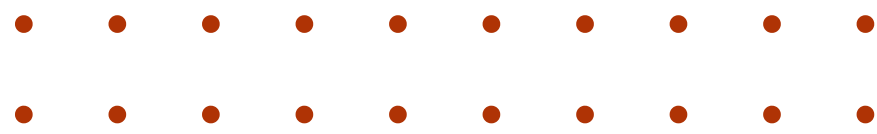
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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE ORGANIZER

Greetings! International business transactions involve so many different issues and topics, ranging from economic considerations to geopolitical risks to reputation management. It is only fitting to invite leaders in a broad range of fields to contribute to the conversation so that we may learn from each other, thereby improving our own research, practice and advocacy. I hope that you find the series insightful and thought-provoking and that we succeed in building a community in this virtual space. Thank you for joining the conversation.”





SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 10 **INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE LAW**
(Mariana Pargendler | Vikram Raghavan)

OCTOBER 3 **THE GLOBAL BATTLE TO REULATE TECHNOLOGY**
(Anu Bradford | Kish Parella)

NOVEMBER 5 **CRITICAL TECHNOLGIES, EXPORT AND INVESTMENT POLICY, AND INNOVATION**
(Dame Fiona Murray & Michael J. Burstein | Don Vieira)

DECEMBER 3 **THIRD PARTY FUNDING, IP LITIGATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY**
(Victoria Sahani | David H. Levitt)



September 10 - International Corporate Law

PRESENTER

Mariana Pargendler,
Professor of Law
Harvard Law School

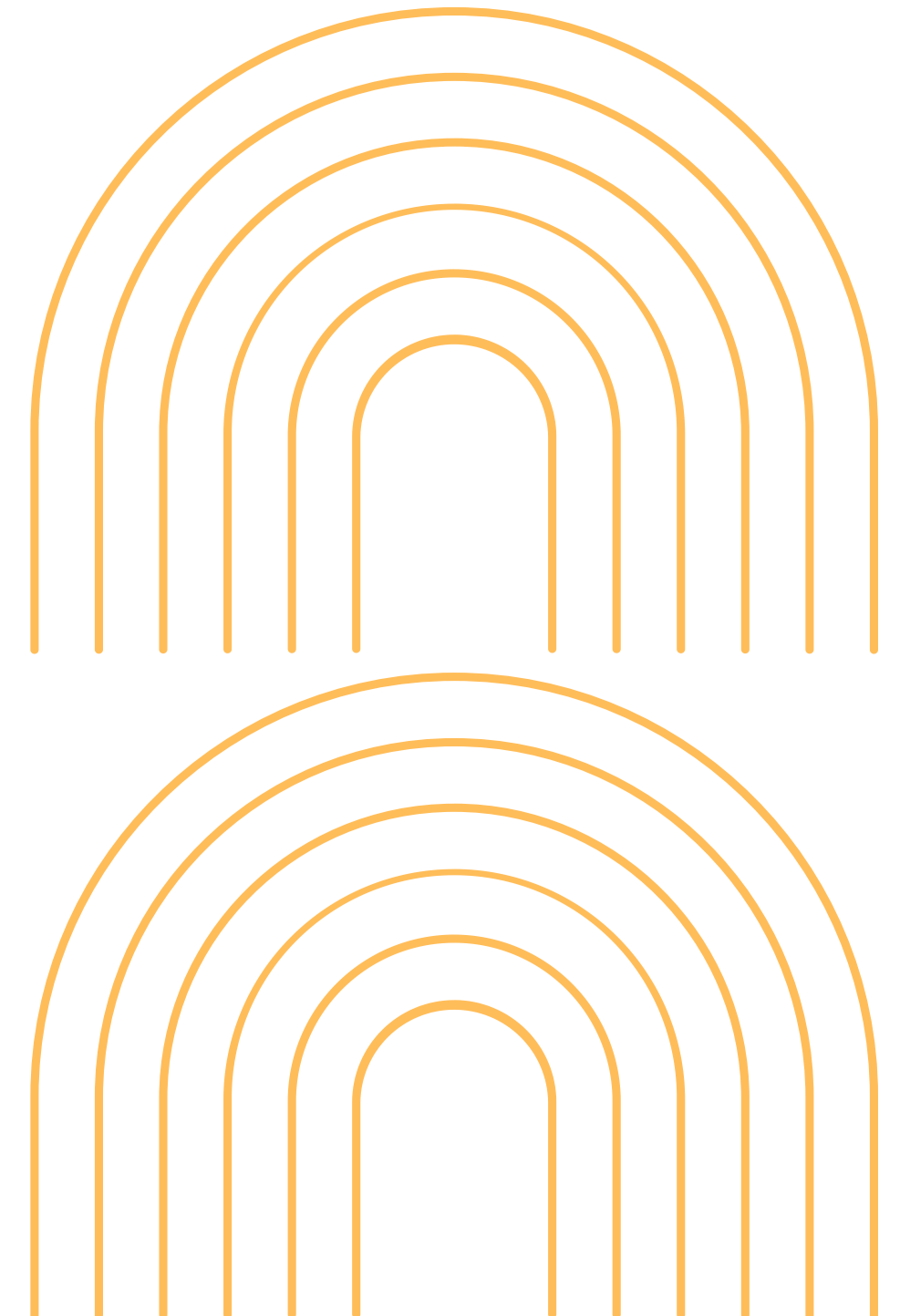
Mariana Pargendler is Professor of Law at Harvard Law School. Her scholarship focuses on corporate law, corporate governance, and contract law from economic and comparative perspectives. She has published over 30 articles in various journals and edited volumes, including the Yale Law Journal, the Stanford Law Review, the University of Pennsylvania Law Review, and the American Journal of Comparative Law, among others. She is also a coauthor of *The Anatomy of Corporate Law: A Comparative and Functional Approach* (Oxford University Press, 2017), a leading academic treatise on comparative corporate law. Her work has been translated into several languages, and she has lectured widely at universities across North America, South America, Europe, and Asia. Before joining Harvard Law School, she served as Professor of Law at FGV Law School in São Paulo, Brazil, where she also directed the Center for Law, Economics, and Governance. Professor Pargendler has served as a Visiting Professor of Law at Columbia, Penn, Stanford, and Yale, and has taught as Global Professor of Law at NYU's Buenos Aires program. Professor Pargendler holds LL.M. and J.S.D. degrees from Yale Law School, as well as LL.B. and PhD degrees from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil). Prior to entering academia, she practiced in the areas of corporate governance and M&A in the New York office of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP.



DISCUSSANT

Vikram Raghavan,
Lead Counsel,
International Law,
World Bank

Vikram Raghavan is Lead Counsel, International Law in the World Bank's environment and international law practice group. He was previously the Bank's legal advisor for conflict, refugees, and macroeconomic issues. Besides working on projects for two decades, Vikram has dealt with a wide range of international law and policy questions. These questions involve the Bank's international legal personality, charter, and development mandate; policy loans and conditionality; dealings with military and security agencies and non-state actors; refugees and displacement engagements; humanitarian crises; military coups and sanctions; and sovereign debt, expropriation, and contractual disputes. Vikram was closely involved with updating the Bank's policy on conflict and with the 2023 World Development Report: Migrants, Societies, and Development. He received the Bretton Woods at 75 Award for his contributions to preserving the Bank's history and collective memories. Woods at 75 Award for his contributions to preserving the Bank's history and collective memories.



October 3 - The Global Battle to Regulate Technology

PRESENTER

Anu Bradford,
Henry L. Moses
Professor of Law and
International Organization,
Columbia Law School

Anu Bradford is Henry L. Moses Professor of Law and International Organizations at Columbia Law School. She is also a Director for Columbia's European Legal Studies Center and a Senior Scholar at Jerome A. Chazen Institute for Global Business at Columbia Business School. She is an expert on European Union Law, Digital Regulation, International Trade Law, and Comparative and International Antitrust Law. Bradford is the Author of ["The Brussels Effect: How the European Union Rules the World \(OUP 2020\)](#), Which was named one of the best books of 2020 by Foreign Affairs. Her most recent book ["Digital Empires: The Global Battle to Regulate Technology"](#) was published by Oxford University Press in September 2023, and was recognized as one of the best books of 2023 by *Financial Times*.



DISCUSSANT

Kish Parella,
Class of 1960 Professor of
Ethics and Law,
Washington and Lee
University School of Law

Kish Parella is the Class of 1960 Professor of Ethics and Law at Washington and Lee University School of Law. She is an International Research Fellow at the Oxford University Centre for Corporate Reputation, Said Business School, "Oxford University and she also serves on the Board of Directors for Corporate Accountability Lab. Prior to entering the legal academy, she practiced international arbitration and transnational litigation at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP. Her research focuses on the intersection between corporate governance and international law and explores how non-state actors encourage corporations and other business enterprises to comply with international law, including an examination of their incentives, methods, and effectiveness.

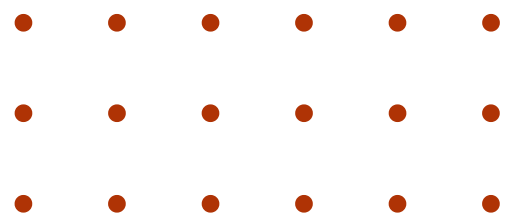
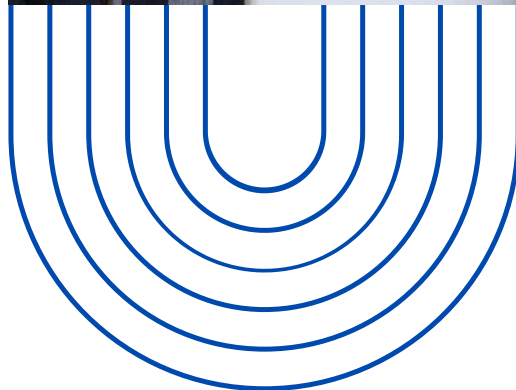


November 5 - Critical Technologies, Export and Investment Policy, and Innovation

PRESENTER

Dame Fiona Murray CBE DCMG
Associate Dean of Innovation,
MIT School of Management &
William Porter (1967) Professor
of Entrepreneurship

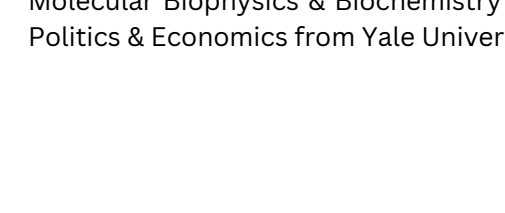
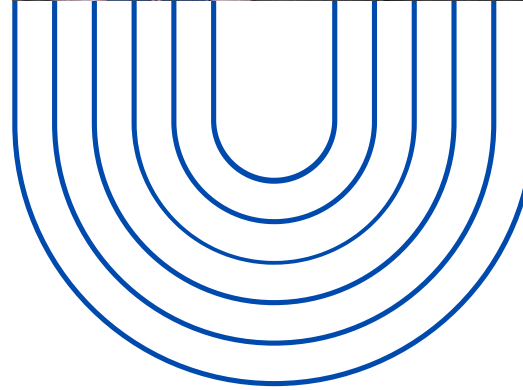
Dame Fiona Murray focuses her research, teaching and professional activities on the intersection of critical technologies, entrepreneurship, and geopolitics. She has examined the role of innovation ecosystem stakeholders in supporting the formation and scaling of deep tech ventures that solve global challenges - most notably in defense, security, and resilience. She is also an expert on how high-performing organizations - in the public and private sectors - engage with these innovation ecosystems to support their strategic innovation priorities.



PRESENTER

Michael J. Burstein,
Professor of Law,
Cardoza Law School

Professor Burstein teaches and writes about intellectual property, innovation policy, and law and entrepreneurship. He served as Vice Dean of the Law School from 2018-2023. Professor Burstein's research focuses on the how law influences the direction of innovation; collaboration and co-creation in innovative and creative ecosystems; and the law and political economy of innovation and intellectual property. His academic work draws on legal and qualitative empirical tools to address the ways in which intellectual property law, corporate law, and public law facilitate relationships among entrepreneurs and creatives, markets, and government actors and influence the production and dissemination of innovative works and ideas. His previous publications include articles about patent markets, innovation prizes, and non-IP strategies for information exchange. From 2016-2018, Professor Burstein served as the Knowledge Lead of the Growth Technology practice at McKinsey & Company, where he oversaw the Firm's research into tech startups and venture capital. Professor Burstein joined the Cardozo faculty in 2011. He previously was a Climenko Fellow at Harvard Law School, an appellate litigator in private practice in Washington, DC, a Bristow Fellow in the Office of the Solicitor General, U.S. Department of Justice, and a law clerk for Judge A. Raymond Randolph of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Professor Burstein holds a J.D., magna cum laude, from the New York University School of Law and a B.A. in Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry and Ethics, Politics & Economics from Yale University.



DISCUSSANT

Don Vieira
Partner & Chief Policy Officer
Sequoia Capital

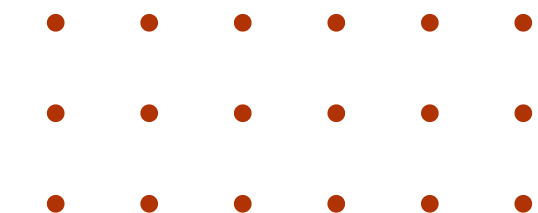
Don is a Partner and Chief Policy Officer at Sequoia Capital. In his role, Don serves as general counsel to the leadership, represents the business in numerous policy fora, and assists Sequoia's portfolio companies facing regulatory and policy challenges. Don founded Sequoia's Washington, DC office and leads its global policy engagement efforts.

Prior to joining Sequoia, Don was a senior partner at the law firm of Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom, where he practiced at the intersection of regulatory law and national security policy. Before Skadden, Don founded and led the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) and cyber practices at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati (WSGR). Don also served in several positions within the U.S. government, including as Chief of Staff of the Department of Justice's National Security Division, Deputy Chief Counsel to the House Permanent Selection Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), Staff Director for HPSCI's Subcommittee on Investigations, and as a federal prosecutor. Don began his legal career at the law firm of Williams & Connolly.

Don has received numerous awards while in public service, including from the Attorney General, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Don was recently named a Tech Titan and one of Washington's most influential people for his work at Sequoia.

Don serves on the boards of Genuity Science, Hakluyt, and the National Venture Capital Association.



December 3 - Third Party Funding, IP Litigation and National Security

PRESENTER

Victoria Sahani,
Associate Provost for Diversity and Inclusion, Professor of Law, Boston University

Victoria Shannon Sahani is the Associate Provost for Community and Inclusion at Boston University and a Professor of Law at Boston University School of Law. Before joining BU, she served as Associate Dean of Faculty Development / Special Projects and Professor of Law at Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. She started her teaching career and was promoted to Associate Professor of Law at Washington & Lee University School of Law.

Professor Sahani is an internationally recognized legal scholar in arbitration law and third-party litigation funding law and an award-winning teacher. She has 15 years of experience in international arbitration and more than 12 years of expertise in third-party funding. She also serves as an independent arbitrator, consultant, and expert witness, and she has testified before the United States Congress about her research. She is a co-author of the book *Third-Party Funding in International Arbitration* (Wolters Kluwer, 2d ed. 2017) (with Lisa Bench Nieuwveld) – the first book in the world on this topic. She has also written chapters in books published by Cambridge University Press, Brill Nijhoff, LexisNexis/Matthew Bender, Springer, JURIS, Edward Elgar Publishing, and Wolters Kluwer; and law review articles and essays published in the *UCLA Law Review*, *Boston University Law Review*, *Tulane Law Review*, *Cardozo Law Review*, *DePaul Law Review*, *Fordham International Law Journal*, *AJIL Unbound*, and other domestic and international journals. She is Chair of the Academic Council for the Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA), Chair-Elect of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on International Law, a Counsellor of the American Society of International Law (ASIL), an Elected Member of the American Law Institute (ALI), and an American Bar Foundation (ABF) Fellow.

Before teaching law, Professor Sahani served as Deputy Director of Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in North America for the International Chamber of Commerce's (ICC) International Court of Arbitration and Deputy Director of the Arbitration and ADR Committee of the US Council for International Business (USCIB). Before joining the ICC and USCIB, she practiced law at Pillsbury.

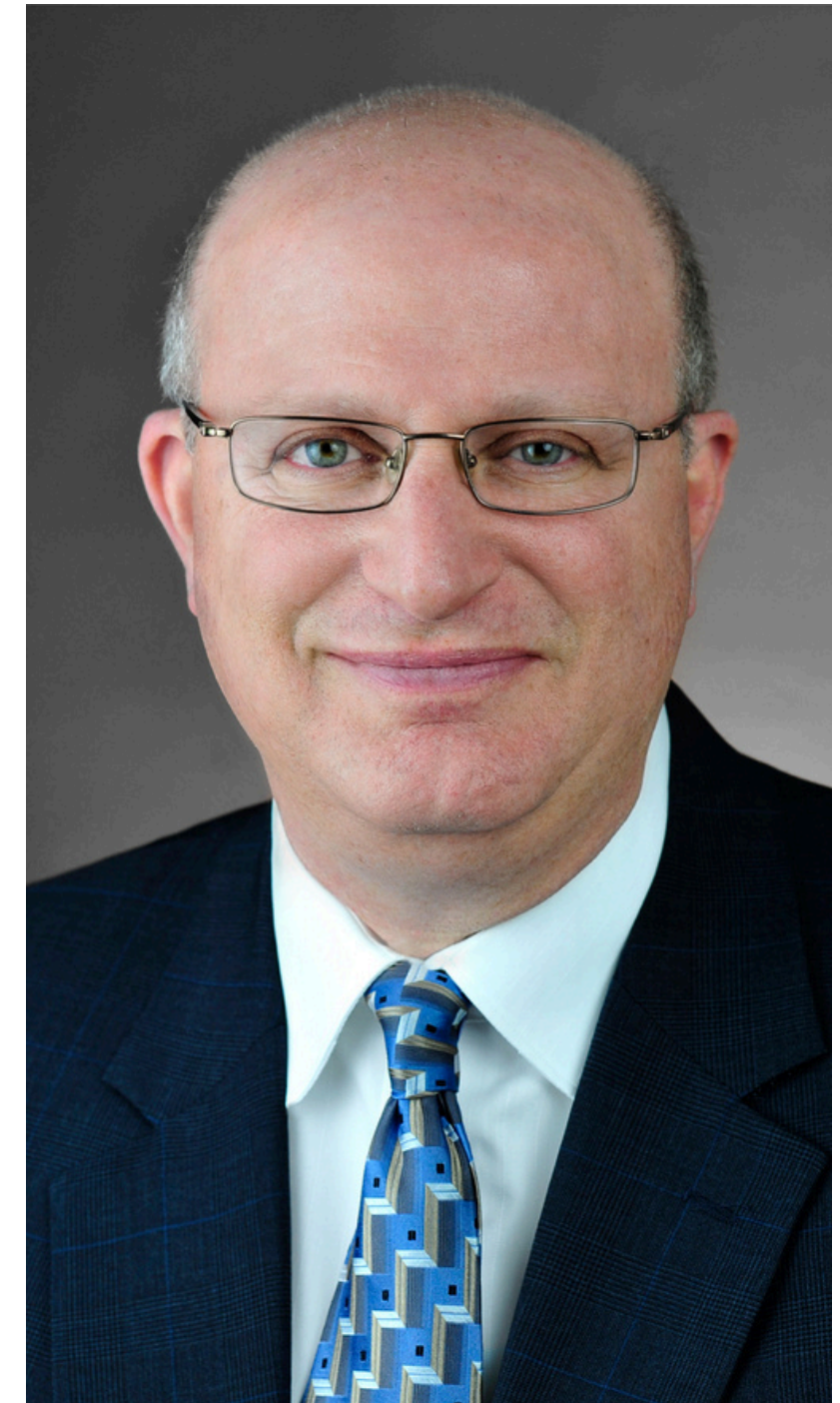
Professor Sahani received her law degree from Harvard Law School and her undergraduate degree in psychology from Harvard College. She remains an active member of the bar in New York and the District of Columbia.



DISCUSSANT

David H. Levitt,
Partner
Hinshaw & Culbertson

David H. Levitt is a partner in the Chicago office of Hinshaw & Culbertson, which he joined in 1979. He is chair of the DRI Task Force on Third Party Litigation Funding (part of DRI's Center for Law and Public Policy) and was principal author of its 2018 White Paper, *Third Party Litigation Funding: Civil Justice and the Need for Transparency*. Mr. Levitt is Past President of Illinois Defense Counsel and Past Chair of DRI's Intellectual Property Committee. He received his J.D. from Loyola University of Chicago School of Law and his L.L.M. in Intellectual Property from the University of Illinois Chicago School of Law.



**THANK YOU TO THE PRESENTERS AND
DISCUSSANTS FOR SHARING THEIR
EXPERTISE.**

