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The Future of Law Practice Fresh Models of Lawyering, Technologies and Business

By Benjamin H. Barton, Guest Editor

Last summer TBA President Lucian Pera asked me to guest edit an issue of the *Tennessee Bar Journal* discussing some of the many changes in the legal profession. When he asked me, he did not mince words at all: “We want something useful and interesting to our subscribers, aka regular lawyers throughout the State of Tennessee.” I write, speak and teach a bunch in this exact area, and I was not insulted in the slightest at Lucian’s request. To the contrary, I am well aware that lots of the current writing on technology and the future of law is marred by being neither useful nor interesting, and often verges into the truly toxic mix of incomprehensible and frightening. If you’ve read a breathless article suggesting that Blockchain technology is going to replace all commercial contracting or that IBM’s Watson will be sitting in your law firm cubicle next year, you know exactly what I am talking about.

Nevertheless, it is easier said than done to be useful and interesting, especially for a law professor.

If you have read a law review article recently, you will know that I am only partly joking. What I settled on is three different types of articles that give a snapshot of where we are right now.

The first is my article that tries to explain how data and technology can help you have a more profitable legal practice right now. We have all heard too much about the dangers of technology and too little about the ways that technology can improve our professional lives and our bottom lines. The second is a co-written piece that discusses some new models for practicing law by telling the story of three different Tennessee pioneers: Kevin Hartley of Trust Tree Legal, Jane Allen of Counsel on Call, and Haseeb Qureshi of the Morehous Legal Group. The last is a comprehensive overview of the state of the art in artificial intelligence (AI) and the law written by Preston Battle, Nicole Berkowitz and former TBA President Buck Lewis.

There is also more related content available online at www.tba.org/journal/online-exclusives-march2018.

Please take a look. Hopefully taken together these articles will give you a picture of a profession in change along with information about how you might benefit from these changes.

Enjoy! 🏠

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