

SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHIES

**Artificial Intelligence, Crypto, NFTs, and the Metaverse:
Applying Today's Law to Tomorrow and Beyond
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NSU Shepard Broad College of Law**

Speaker Bios:

Zachary L. Catanzaro, Assistant Professor of Law
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Zachary L. Catanzaro is an Assistant Professor of Law at St. Thomas University College of Law, known for his ongoing research in the intersection of law and technology. With a specialization in intellectual property, digital assets, cyberlaw, and AI, Zachary brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the table. Prior to his career in academia, Zachary spent over a decade honing his skills in practice, gaining invaluable practical knowledge in his fields. His deep understanding of intellectual property, AI, and digital assets has positioned him as a thought leader in these rapidly evolving areas of law. Notably, Professor Catanzaro's recent research on non-fungible tokens (NFTs) was published in the prestigious Harvard Journal of Sports and Entertainment Law. Beyond his legal background, Zachary is a trained musician and accomplished pianist, providing him with a unique perspective on the intersection of law and creativity. This allows him to approach legal challenges with creativity, innovation, and a holistic understanding of the industry.



Vicenç Feliú, Associate Dean for Library Services & Professor of Law, Nova Southeastern University | Shepard Broad College of Law



Vicenç Feliú is currently the Associate Dean for Library Services and Professor of Law at the NSU Florida Shepard Broad College of Law (NSU Law). At NSU Law, Dean Feliú has taught Copyright, Intellectual Property and Trademark Law and is the Director of the Intellectual Property Concentration and Faculty Advisor for the Intellectual Property Law Society. Before joining the faculty at NSU Law, Dean Feliú was the Associate Dean for Library Services and Professor of Law at the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law in Pennsylvania where he taught Advanced Intellectual Property/Cyber Law and Copyright Law. Before Villanova Dean Feliú was Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law at the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law, where he also taught International Human Rights and Advanced Legal Research. Prior to entering academia, Dean Feliú served as a Major in the United States Marine Corps and as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.) at the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Field Office. Dean Feliú received a B.A. in Linguistics from California State University, Fullerton, both a J.D. and LL.M. in Intellectual Property, Commerce & Technology from the Franklin Pierce Law Center (currently the University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law) and a M.L.I.S., with a Law Librarianship Certificate, from the University of Washington.

Jon Garon, Professor of Law and Director, Goodwin Program for Society, Technology, and the Law, Nova Southeastern University | Shepard Broad College of Law



Jon M. Garon is Professor of Law and inaugural Director of the Goodwin Program for Society, Technology, and the Law at Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, teaching Constitutional Law, Contracts, Privacy Law, Entertainment Law, Intellectual Property Law and additional courses. He has published over 60 books, book chapters, and academic articles, and he has presented at more than 300 programs. A Minnesota native, he received his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in 1985 and his juris doctor degree from Columbia University School of Law in 1988. Professor Garon served as dean for NSU's Shepard Broad College of Law from 2014 to 2020. Prior to joining Nova Southeastern University in 2014, Professor Garon was the inaugural director of the Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Law + Informatics Institute, serving from 2011-2014. He served as dean and professor of law at Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota from 2003 to 2008 and interim dean of the Hamline Graduate School of Management from 2005 to 2006. Before Hamline, Professor Garon taught

Entertainment Law and Copyright at Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord, New Hampshire and Western State University College of Law in Orange County, California. Professor Garon has been named a Senior Scholar at the George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School's Center for Intellectual Property ^x Innovation Policy and an Affiliated Faculty Member at the University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law.

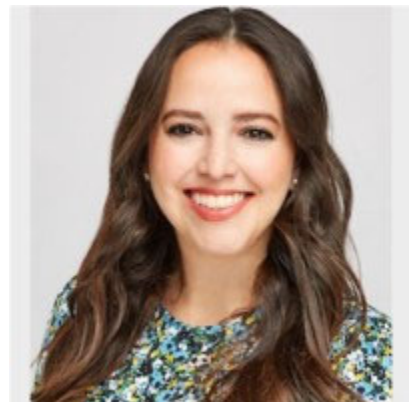
Josh Lida, Director, Art and Business, Twig, Trade & Tribunal

Due to his keen interest in wartime and international negotiations, Josh attended the University of Central Florida, obtaining a BA in History with a certificate in Diplomacy. He became a member of The National History Honor Society (Phi Alpha Theta), becoming Historian and Vice President. Josh then attended the Sheppard Broad Law Center at Nova Southeastern University, studying intellectual property and business law, receiving The Book Award for the highest grade in his Patents and Entertainment Law class. Josh hosted and participated in several Entertainment radio programs, and focused his internships on intellectual property. In 2017, Josh co-founded Lida Law, PLLC with his father, Carl Lida, an attorney practicing for more than 40 years as a criminal defense attorney. Josh handled criminal defense cases and expanded the firm's outreach, including administrative defense litigation, compliance matters, and family law. Josh co-founded Twig, Trade, and Tribunal and focuses his practice on Art Law, including art transactions, art leasing, due diligence, advisory to gallerist, contract negotiation, litigation, intellectual property, art loans, art wealth management (trusts, etc), and all other facets of Art Law. Josh also focuses on business transactions and litigation as well as administrative work.



Jessica Neer McDonald, Jessica Neer McDonald, Attorney, Neer McD PLLC

Jessica Neer McDonald is an intellectual property (IP) attorney based in Miami, Florida. She founded the IP law firm Neer McD PLLC where she advocates for creatives and entrepreneurs across a variety of industries, including digital art, sports, fashion, hospitality, web3, domain names, and more. Moreover, her background in local, state, and federal government, including service as a General Counsel, enable swift navigation of regulatory landscapes. Jessica was selected to Rising Stars for 2020 - 2023. Prior to becoming an attorney, she studied at the University of Miami School of Law. She graduated and was admitted to legal practice in 2016.



Lavinia Meliti, Lavinia Meliti, Founder & CEO, LavimCo

Since entering Miami's startup scene in 2017, Lavinia has embraced it wholeheartedly. This led her to establish her own consulting company, aiding startups in business development, fundraising, and legal affairs. With a global reach, she has worked with companies worldwide and has orchestrated strategic deals with Fortune 500 companies (such as IBM), over 500 start-ups, as well as institutions and universities. She holds significant experience in fundraising; when working at IPwe, Inc., she was



part of the series A funding team that secured an impressive \$14.5 million from investors spanning from Europe to Asia. Beyond her entrepreneurial expertise, Lavinia is a lawyer both in Europe and in the U.S., and licensed Attorney in Florida. She co-founded the Miami's VR/AR Association and serves as a mentor for local startups' accelerators and incubators.

Susan Stephan, Director, MLS Program, University of Cincinnati College of Law

Susan H. Stephan, J.D., LL.M., serves as the Director of the Master of Legal Studies Program at the University of Cincinnati College of Law. She practiced law beginning in 1992, with a focus on legal challenges involving intellectual property, e-commerce and the Internet, employment relationships, workers' compensation, and general corporate legal matters on behalf of individual and business clients.



Susan has taught as adjunct law faculty since 2001 in areas including antitrust, intellectual property, information security, federal privacy, cyberlaw, blockchain and cryptocurrency law, workplace technology, and alternative dispute resolution. She also is active in the American Bar Association Business Law Section's Cyberspace Law Committee and serves as Chair of the Tech Law section of the Minnesota State Bar Association. She received a Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies from Northwestern University, a Juris Doctor from Mitchell Hamline School of Law, a Master of Arts from New York University, and an LL.M. in Information Technology Law at the University of Edinburgh Law School. She also holds a Certificate in Online Distance Education from the University of Minnesota.

Steven Teppler, Partner and Chair of the Privacy and Cybersecurity practice group, Mandelbaum Barrett PC



Steven W. Teppler, CDPSE is a Partner and Chair of the Firm's Privacy and Cybersecurity practice group, as well as our Chief Cybersecurity Legal Officer. Steven focuses his practice on pro-active, preventive and remedial cybersecurity and privacy work for clients, as well as advising on potential class action and mass tort liability arising from security vulnerabilities and code defects in technology-enabled devices and services. Steven is an ISACA Certified Data Privacy Solutions Engineer (CDPSE), who has been at the forefront of cybersecurity, data privacy and eDiscovery matters since 2000, and has extensive technology, blockchain and class action litigation experience. He also has deep hands-on experience stemming from his work to secure six cryptography patents, and his role leading a content authentication technology startup. Steven is a leader in the field of data privacy and cybersecurity, who publishes the blog Litigation Intelligence, and teaches Electronic Discovery and Cybersecurity Law at Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad College of Law.