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**VIA Email**

**Invitation to MIT Legal Forum on AI & Blockchain**

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It is my privilege to announce the first annual “**MIT Legal Forum on AI & Blockchain**”, to take place on October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at the MIT Media Lab in Cambridge, MA.

As you know, MIT does not have a law school, but for the past two years we have been deepening our commitment to investigating the technology of law, including artificial intelligence and blockchain., and The importance, relevance and timeliness of these issues is reflected by the recently announced \$240 million, ten years commitment by IBM to create the MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab.

In furtherance of this spirit of partnership and joint innovation, **we would like to invite you to nominate an executive from your legal or legal technology staff to participate in the inaugural MIT Legal Forum on AI & Blockchain.** This first-of-its-kind event is intended to be the beginning of a deeper conversation and collaboration around technologies that are poised to transform both the practice of law and the business of law. The forum will be comprised of two days of discussions among academics, technologists, and legal industry leaders, with the intent to foster accelerated innovation in legal technology.

Deep experience with AI and blockchain is not a requirement, but we encourage nomination of executives with real world experience in developing or deploying these technologies. Space at the October event is **very limited**, and we will not be able to accommodate all nominees, however, we will enable remote participation for interested invitees who are not able to attend.

Please use this [form](http://MITLegalForum.org) to nominate a participant from your organization and to indicate an interest in attending the forum in person. For more information about this event, please consult <http://MITLegalForum.org>.

We look forward to including you in this exciting and important new initiative.

Sincerely,



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