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## Foreword

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In this issue we are delighted to present papers from the symposium “Law and Technology at the Crossroads: A Centennial Summit,” held in Bloomington in November 2024. The symposium originated from the collaborative efforts of the Indiana University Maurer School of Law’s law and technology faculty and the *Indiana Law Journal*’s editorial board, notably 2023–2024 Editor-in-Chief John Vastag and 2024–2025 Executive Articles & Symposium Editor Paige Wynkoop. The Maurer School of Law’s Center for Intellectual Property Research provided funding, as did Indiana University through its Research Conference Grant Program. Indiana University’s Ostrom Workshop and the Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering lent their respective endorsements to our efforts.

Happily, the symposium coincided with the Maurer School of Law’s Jerome Hall Lecture. Professor Ashley S. Deeks, Class of 1948 Professor of Scholarly Research in Law and Director of the National Security Law Center at the University of Virginia School of Law, performed double duty as both the Jerome Hall lecturer and keynote speaker for the symposium. Her topic was “The Double Black Box: National Security, Artificial Intelligence, and the Struggle for Democratic Accountability.”

We selected the symposium papers from a large set of responses to an open call for proposals. We received proposals from some of the world’s most well-known law and technology academics, and from some of the field’s rising stars. We also invited Maurer School of Law faculty to contribute. The results are found in the pages of this issue.

The symposium papers explore timely topics ranging across many aspects of the law and technology interface. Artificial intelligence, of course, is prominently represented. Papers address the implications of AI for terms-of-use restrictions, for the operation of the criminal justice system, and for the maintenance of privacy protections, among others. The law’s approach to data governance is discussed in the context of open source biotechnology and platform data more generally. The effect of online environments on extremism in the U.S. military is considered. Other contributions likewise reflect the staggering diversity of the modern law and technology dialogue, covering the technology’s challenges for the law of product liability, design patents, healthcare, property, constitutional protections.

The intersection of law and technology is an ideal symposium topic for the *Indiana Law Journal* to explore during its centennial volume. Technology has advanced at a dizzying pace over the past 100 years. As ever, these technological advancements raise questions about how the law should and will respond. The chief example—artificial intelligence—is so profoundly disruptive and so new (or at least newly ubiquitous) that the law is only now beginning to grasp its challenges.

The symposium papers identify the challenges and begin the monumental task of proposing creative and durable solutions. The papers reflect the work of thought leaders in both the theory and practice of the law and technology interface. The papers make important and insightful contributions to an ever-expanding dialogue on law and technology. We hope that readers will find the papers stimulating, provocative, and useful in advancing that dialogue.