

## Show and TECH

About 430 attendees of the 2018 TECHSHOW learned about their future robot overlords at the Greater Richmond Convention Center on Monday, April 23, with a cyberpacked day of tech-oriented CLEs, seminars and networking.

Arriving from around the commonwealth, lawyers gathered for the day-long event to learn about the dark web, cryptocurrencies, cyber security, and more.

### Why'd you come to the TECHSHOW?

**Farnaz Thompson**  
Charlottesville  
In-house counsel  
at the University of  
Virginia



"I'm interested in seeing the seminar regarding the dark web, and I think it's something that a lot of attorneys are interested in. And I've dealt with a few data security breaches at my work and I'm looking to learn more about how to mitigate damages and what you can do from the technology perspective to help prevent security breaches from happening."

**Clarence Freeman Stanback Jr.**  
Lives in Hyattsville,  
MD, practiced in  
Arlington



"I'm here to learn about e-discovery — I'm involved in some litigation concerning me right now, so I have a lawyer. Our e-discovery is an issue, so I figure I'll learn something about that today, and maybe help him."

**Hyung Sohn**  
Fairfax  
Patent law



"I'm a techie at heart, so this is somewhat fun. The seminar on the dark web is more personal curiosity, but the rest of it probably has a bit of relevance to what I actually do — not just in terms of the direct subject matter that I practice in, but because everything is going electronic. You do have to be more careful these days. Hopefully I'll get some lightbulb type of moment."

**Tameka Robinson**  
Chesterfield  
Solo practitioner  
focusing on family  
and juvenile law



"I'm a newer attorney and I think that this information will be very useful, especially when dealing with bitcoin and the ethics of accepting any other type of cryptocurrency. And also dealing with cyber security and making sure that your network is secure. As a solo practitioner, I'm nervous about using the cloud and storing information and those types of things, so I'm hoping to gain information on keeping things secure and making sure that my clients' information is protected."

**Brian T. Wesley**  
Richmond  
Solo practitioner of  
corporate and real  
estate law



"They're great CLEs, great topics at a really great price. Bitcoin and cryptocurrency, I think, will be very interesting topics, since it's a new and innovative legal area. I'm very interested to see that. It's good to hear about the

cutting-edge technology and how to best manage law firms.

I am hoping to leave at the end of the day knowing cryptocurrency and bitcoin a lot better. And then just being able to mingle with colleagues and get to know some new people."

**Michael P. McComas**  
Richmond  
Patent law



"I practice patent law, so it's a good way to get exposed to a lot of areas I don't usually get exposed to, that are peripheral to what I do, maybe not directly related, but things that could be of interest or could matter. It's about getting outside of my narrow focus."



Doris Henderson Causey and Justice Cleo E. Powell were among the speakers at the 2018 TECHSHOW.