

# A Review: The Technology and Justice Symposium

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The Access to Justice Board through the work of its Technology Committee organized and hosted the first Technology & Justice Symposium on September 9th and 10th at the University of Washington School of Law. Nearly 100 people gathered together for the two-day event that focused on legal technology innovation, current court and legal system technology, and the Access to Justice Technology Principles. Washington State Supreme Court Chief Justice Barbara Madsen gave the opening remarks and was followed by Judge Don Horowitz (ret.) and Office of Civil Legal Aid Director Jim Bamberger who presented history of the Access to Justice Technology Principles and how they have been implemented to date.

Later, through a series of panel discussions and flash talks, members of the community presented their current efforts to work towards legal empowerment - using technology to give people help in accessing and securing justice. Mark O'Brien, Executive Director of Pro Bono Net, and Tanina Rostain, Professor at Georgetown Law, provided a national prospective on the use of technology to create access to the justice system during a panel on Access to Justice Technology moderated by Technology Committee Co-Chair Emily McReynolds. The distinguished list of speakers included Washington State Supreme Court Justice Steven Gonzalez, Internet co-founder Vint Cerf, Self-Represented Litigation Networker founder Richard Zorza, Director of the Legal Services Technology Assistance Project Brian Rowe and University of Washington Information School Professors Bob Boiko and Adam Moore. Many of the attendees walked away with inspiration for innovative ways to address the justice gap, create new networks among legal professionals and technologists, and opportunities to update and better implement the Access to Technology Principles.