

## **NICHOLAS J. NUGENT**

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### **EMPLOYMENT**

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#### **University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville, TN**

Assistant Professor of Law  
2023–present

#### **University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA**

Karsh Fellow  
Lecturer in Law  
Program Director, Karsh Center for Law & Democracy  
2021–2023

#### **Amazon.com, Inc., Seattle, WA**

Senior Corporate Counsel for Network Technologies (Amazon Web Services)  
Senior Product Manager (Amazon Web Services)  
2017-2023

#### **Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, WA**

Attorney for Cloud Computing Division (Microsoft Azure)  
Director of Business Development  
2013-2017

#### **Hogan Lovells U.S. LLP, McLean, VA**

Associate Attorney – Technology, Media, and Transactions  
2012-2013

#### **MH2 Technology Law Group LLP, Tysons Corner, VA**

Associate Attorney – Patent Prosecution  
2011-2012

#### **Finnegan LLP, Reston, VA**

Associate Attorney – Electrical Practice Group, Patent Litigation and Prosecution  
2008-2011

## EDUCATION

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### **Vanderbilt University Law School**, Nashville, TN

J.D., May 2008

John W. Wade Scholar – Full, three-year scholarship

*Vanderbilt Law Review* – Managing Editor

Dean's List

Best Oralist Award

### **Indiana University**, Bloomington, IN

B.S. (Computer Science), 2003

B.M. (Music Performance: Classical Guitar), 2003

Honors Scholar

Founders Day Award

Graduation with Distinction

Assistant instructor for seven computer science courses

## PUBLICATIONS

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### **Law Journal Articles**

*The Unpropertied Internet*

110 Cornell L. Rev. \_\_\_\_ (2025)

*The Five Internet Rights*

98 WASH. L. REV. 527 (2023)

*Masters of Their Own Domains: Propertization as a Bulwark Against DNS Censorship*

19 COLO. TECH. L. J. 43 (2021)

*Toward a RFRA That Works*

61 VAND. L. REV. 1027 (2008)

### **Other Writings**

*Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity* in ELGAR CONCISE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE LAW (forthcoming in 2025)

*Artificial Intelligence and Telecommunications* in ELGAR CONCISE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE LAW (forthcoming in 2025)

*Social Media Isn't a Public Function, but Maybe the Internet Is*

LAWFARE (March 14, 2023), <https://www.lawfaremedia.org/article/social-media-isnt-public-function-maybe-internet>

## PRESENTATIONS

*The Unpropertied Internet* (presenter)

Workshop at the University of Richmond School of Law (May 22, 2024)

*Artificial Intelligence and the Law* (presenter)

Symposium on AI Technologies and Their Implications, Planet+AI (Feb. 22, 2024)

*Artificial Intelligence and Existential Risk* (panelist)

Center for Artificial Intelligence Security Research (CAISER)

Oak Ridge National Laboratory (Mar. 19, 2024)

*The Unpropertied Internet* (presenter)

Workshop at the University of Tennessee College of Law (Feb. 5, 2024)

*The Unpropertied Internet* (presenter)

Innovation Policy Colloquium, NYU School of Law (Jan. 25, 2024)

*The Unpropertied Internet* (presenter)

Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) (Jan. 3, 2024)

*AI Personhood* (guest lecturer)

Seminar: Artificial General Intelligence: Separating the Hype from the Science

University of Tennessee Department of Engineering and Computer Science (Nov. 27, 2023)

*Connecting the Threads* (discussant)

Tennessee Journal of Business Law Symposium, Knoxville, TN (Oct. 6, 2023)

*Social Media & Democracy* (panelist)

81st Judicial Conference of the Fourth Circuit, Greensboro, NC (June 30, 2023)

*May Gathering: Social Media & Democracy* (moderator)

Karsh Center for Law & Democracy, UVA Law, Charlottesville, VA (May 26, 2023)

*Innovation and Competition in the Startup Ecosystem* (moderator)

Colloquium: Antitrust and Innovation in the Digital Age

Virginia Law & Business Review, UVA Law, Charlottesville, VA (April 17, 2023)

*Internet Governance in the Quantum Age*

Center for Quantum Networks, Zoom (November 4, 2022)

*The Five Internet Rights*

Junior Faculty Forum for Law & STEM, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (co-sponsored by Stanford and University of Pennsylvania) (October 20-21, 2022)

*Privacy and Data Security in the Global Cloud*  
ABA Annual Meeting, Webinar (Nov. 2013)

*Onboarding to Tech Transactions*  
Vanderbilt Law & Business Society, Vanderbilt Law School, Nashville, TN (Oct. 2013)

## **TEACHING**

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<b>Course</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Student Rating</b>
<b>Computer Crime and Digital Evidence</b>	Fall 2024	Tennessee Law	(upcoming)
<b>Cybersecurity Law and Policy</b>	Spring 2024	Tennessee Law	5.00/5.00
<b>Artificial Intelligence Seminar</b>	Spring 2024	Tennessee Law	5.00/5.00
<b>Internet Law</b>	Fall 2023	Tennessee Law	4.78/5.00
<b>Internet Law</b>	Spring 2023	UVA Law	5.00/5.00
<b>Internet Regulation Seminar</b>	Spring 2022	UVA Law	4.95/5.00
<b>Computer Programming</b>	1999-2004	Indiana University	N/A

## **LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Council Member (elected)

Number Resource Organization (NRO) Number Council (NC)

American Region for Internet Numbers (ARIN)

Liaison to Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

Washington Bar (2014)

United States Patent Bar (registered patent attorney) (2012)

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (2010)

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (2009)

Virginia Bar (2008)