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Partners Aaron Cooper and Michael Vernick to Speak on Panel at NACUA's Fall 2026 CLE Workshop

Event

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Partners Aaron Cooper and Michael Vernick will speak on a panel at the Fall 2026 CLE Workshop: Sponsored Research and Technology Transfer, hosted by the National Association of College and University Attorneys (NACUA) on November 19 in Washington, DC.

The session, titled "Governance Challenges: Agentic AI, Quantum Computing, and the Next Generation of Sponsored Research," will examine how agentic artificial intelligence (AI) and quantum computing are placing sponsored research at the intersection of policy, national security, and institutional accountability. The discussion will address best practices for governing high-risk AI in a decentralized environment, approaches to assessing high-risk AI use cases and developing toolkits for policy implementation, current trends in federal oversight and the outlook over the next six months, and the impact of quantum computing developments on data security.

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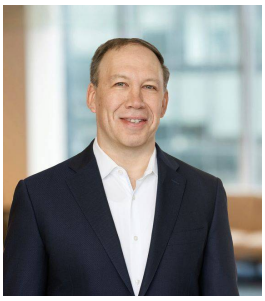
Aaron serves as Co-Chair of the firm's Data Privacy and Cybersecurity and Critical and Emerging Technologies practices. A former Deputy Legal Advisor for the White House National Security Council, where he served as its chief lawyer for AI, cybersecurity, and investigative issues, Aaron counsels clients on regulatory compliance, risk mitigation, and government scrutiny involving emerging and sensitive technologies.

Ranked in the Higher Education category by *Chambers USA*, Mike is a leading authority on the legal frameworks governing federal research funding and False Claims Act (FCA) enforcement. He guides universities, research institutions, and academic medical centers through research security and foreign-ties investigations, grant and cooperative agreement compliance, and government audits and enforcement matters.

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