WHY AI IS A GREAT THING FOR LAW

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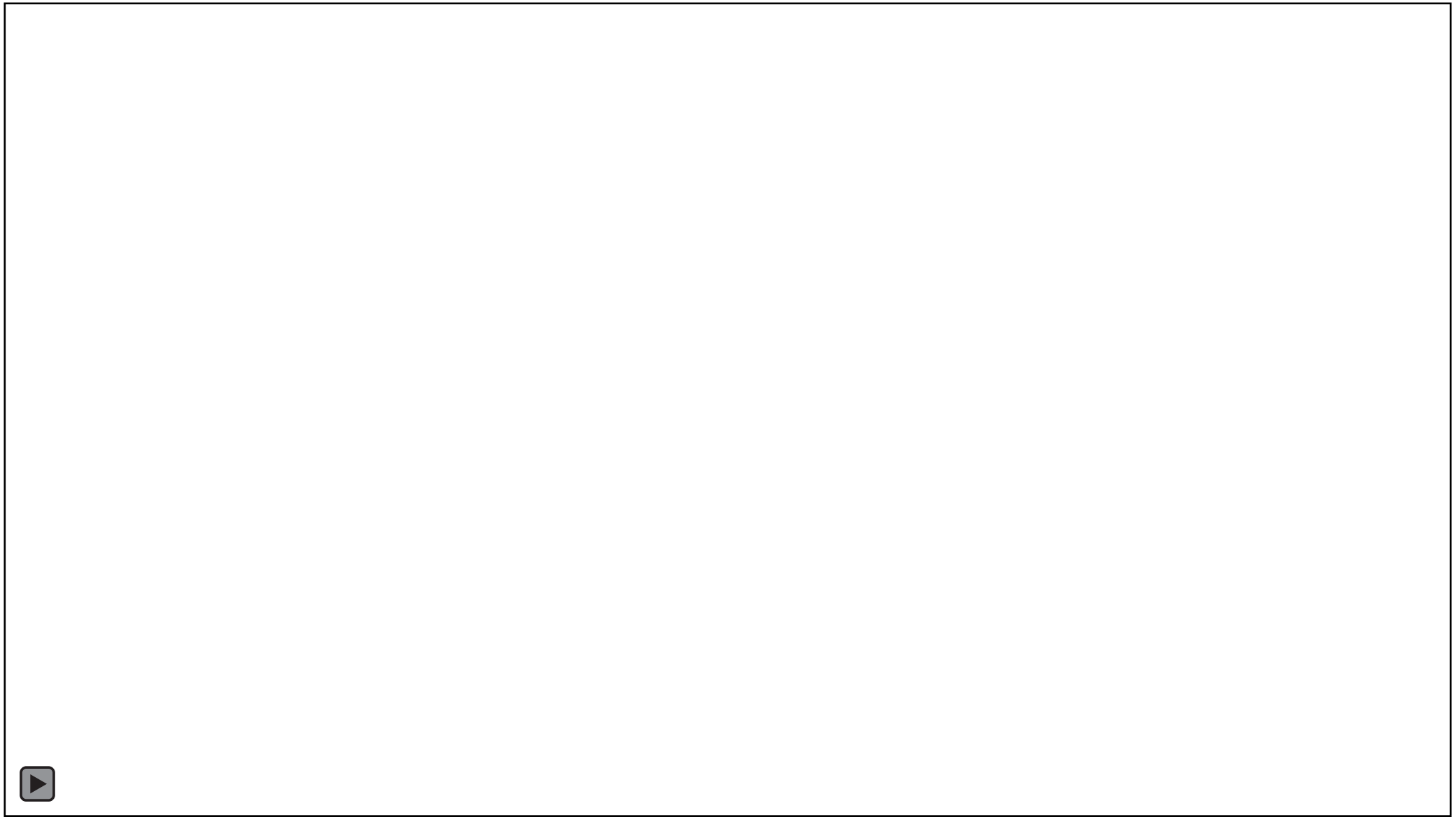
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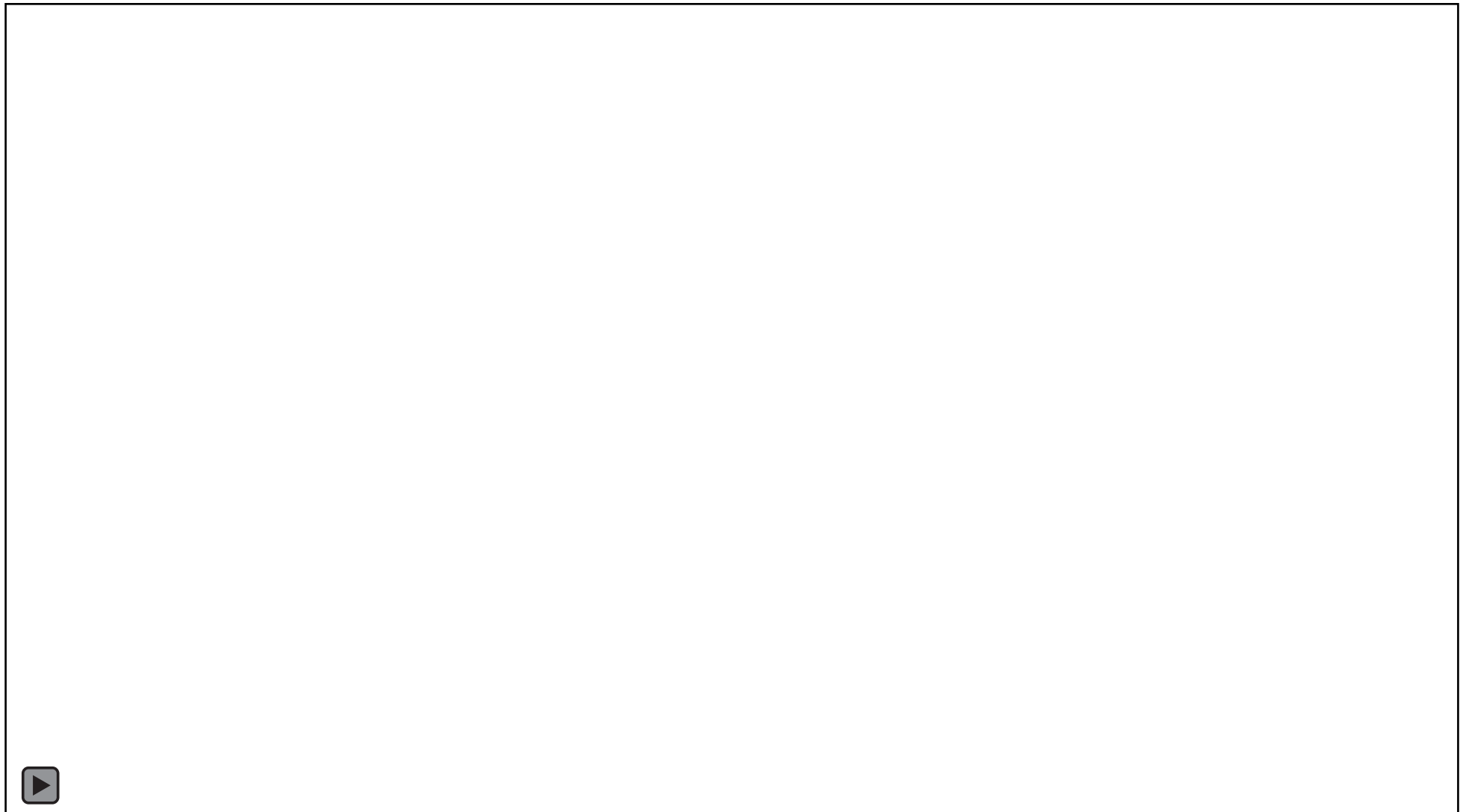
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DEMONSTRATE	Demonstrate to you that large language models (LLMs) are a great tool for learning, teaching and practicing the law
DEMONSTRATE	Demonstrate to you that LLM mastery is well within your reach
PERSUADE	Persuade you to apply critical-thinking skills when hearing all the negativity about AI

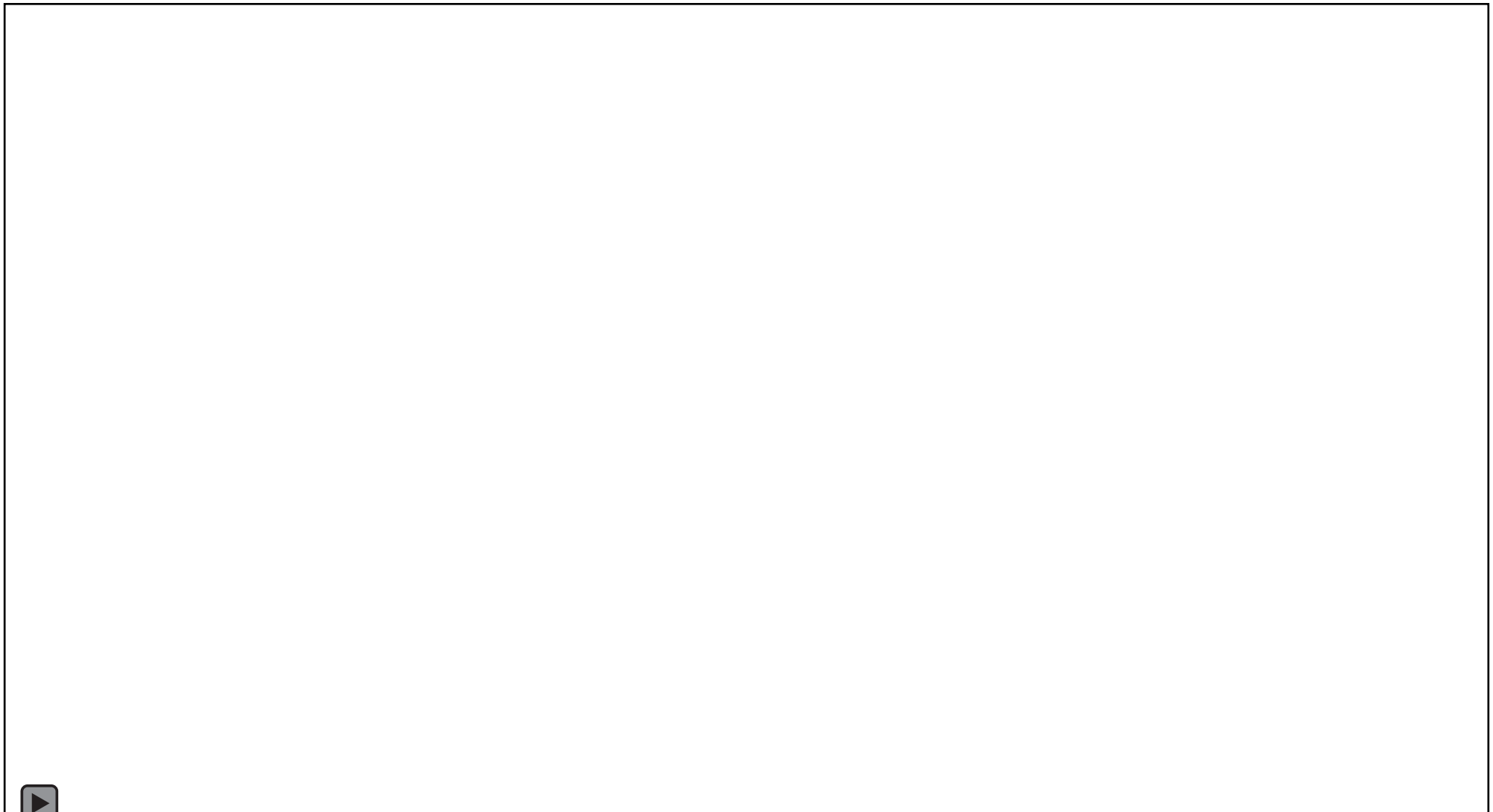
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Teaching: the LLMs4L site



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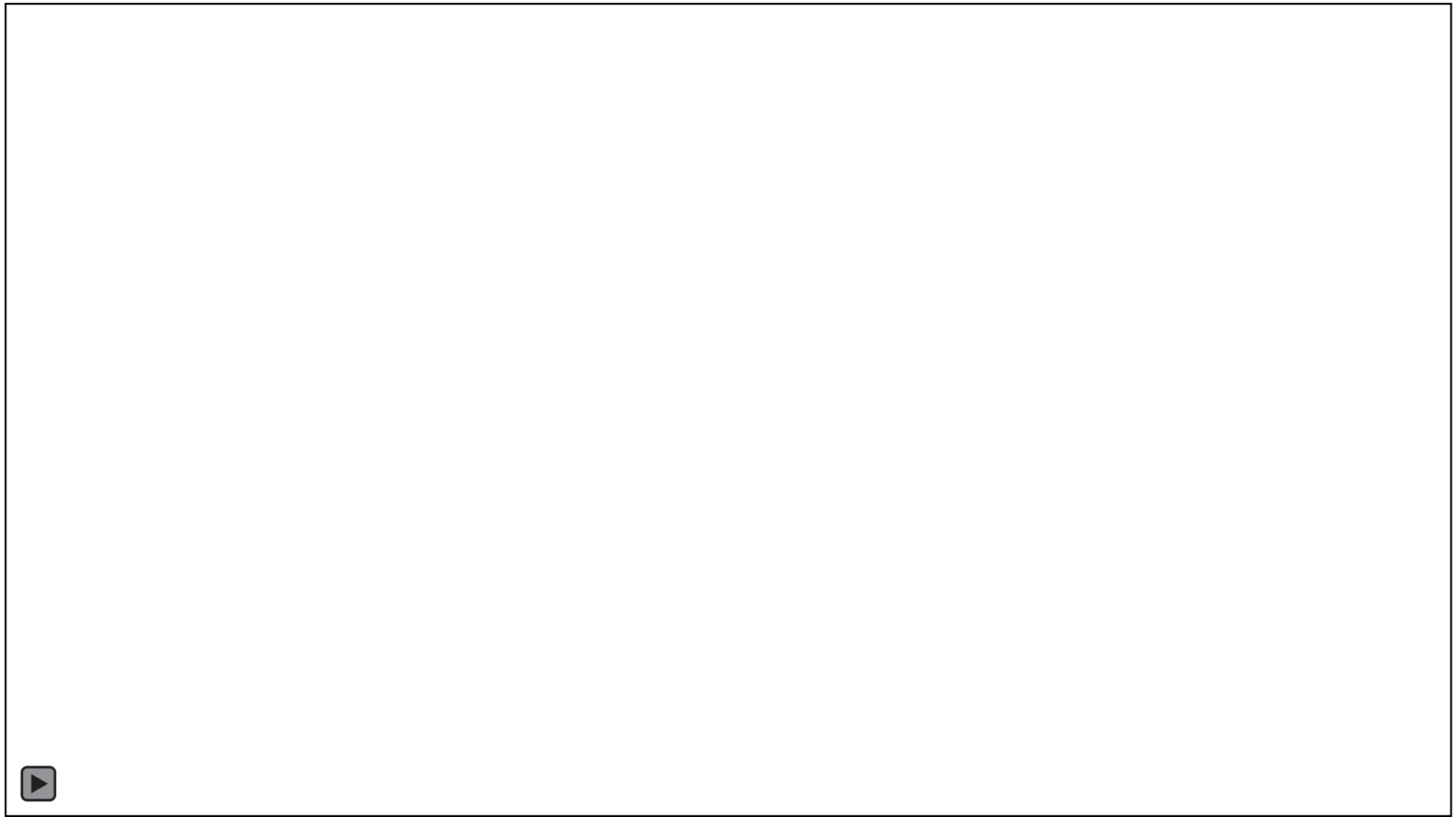
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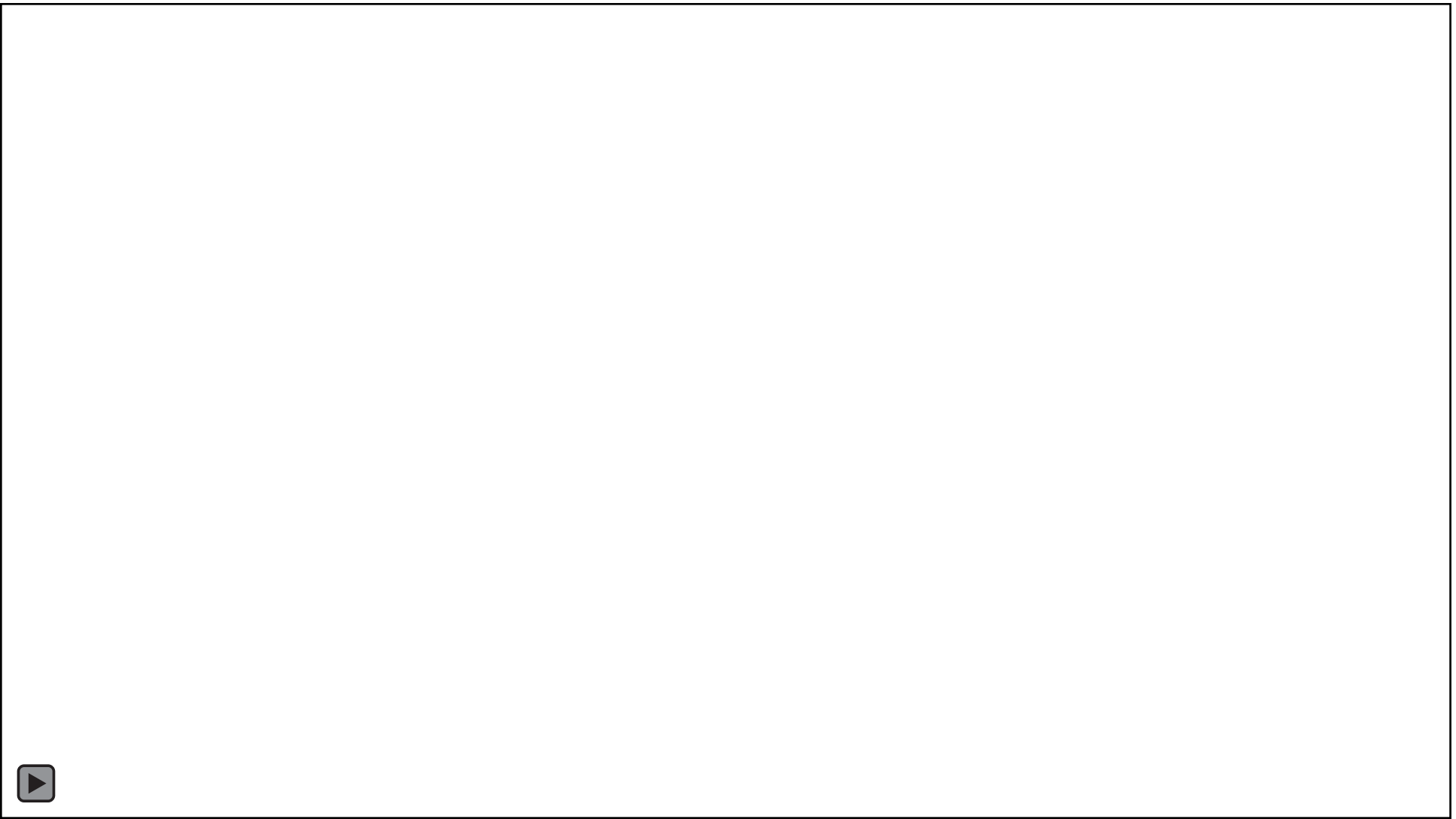
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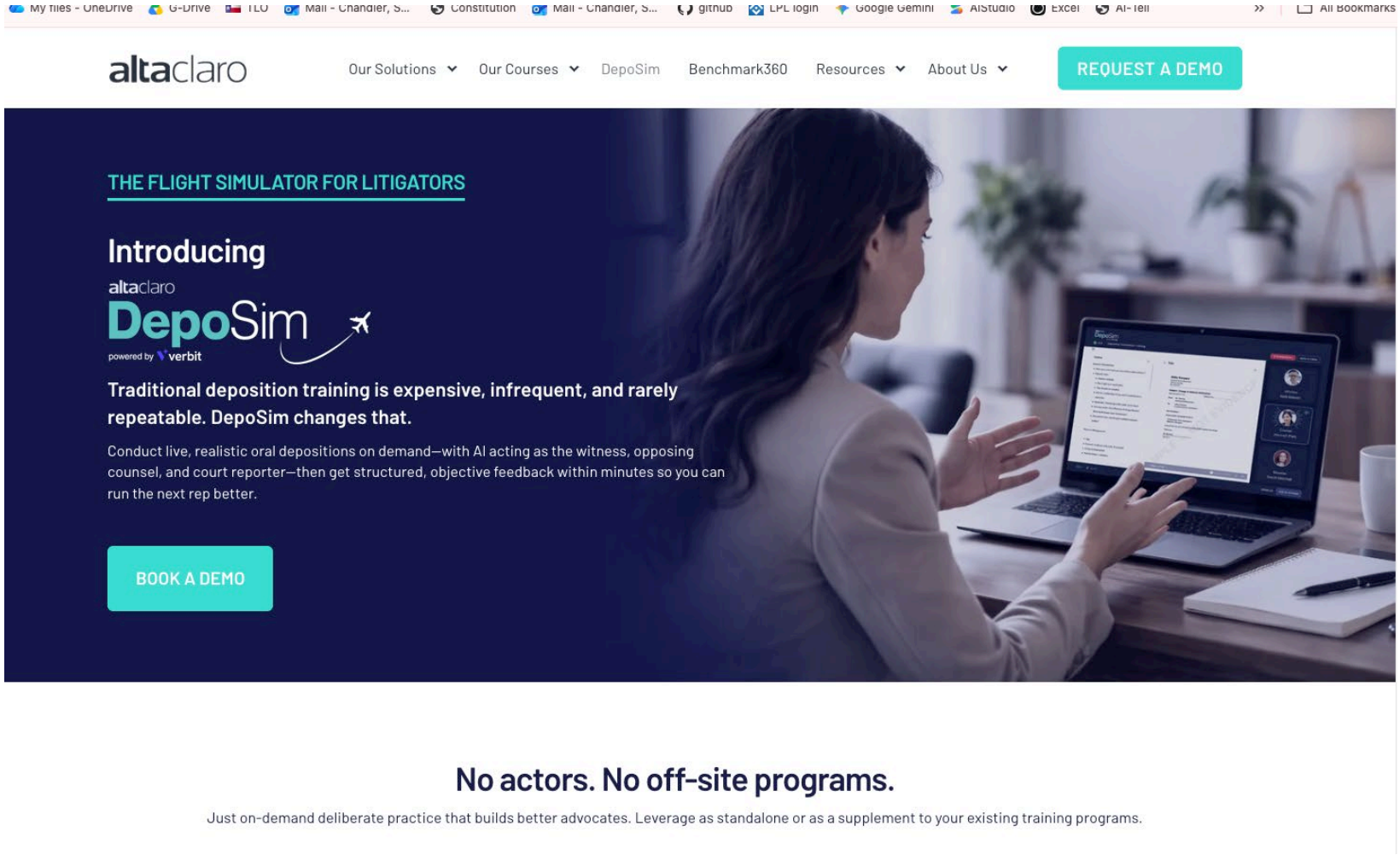
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Similar capabilities for PowerPoint and Excel.

I have time-compressed this video.

Simulators

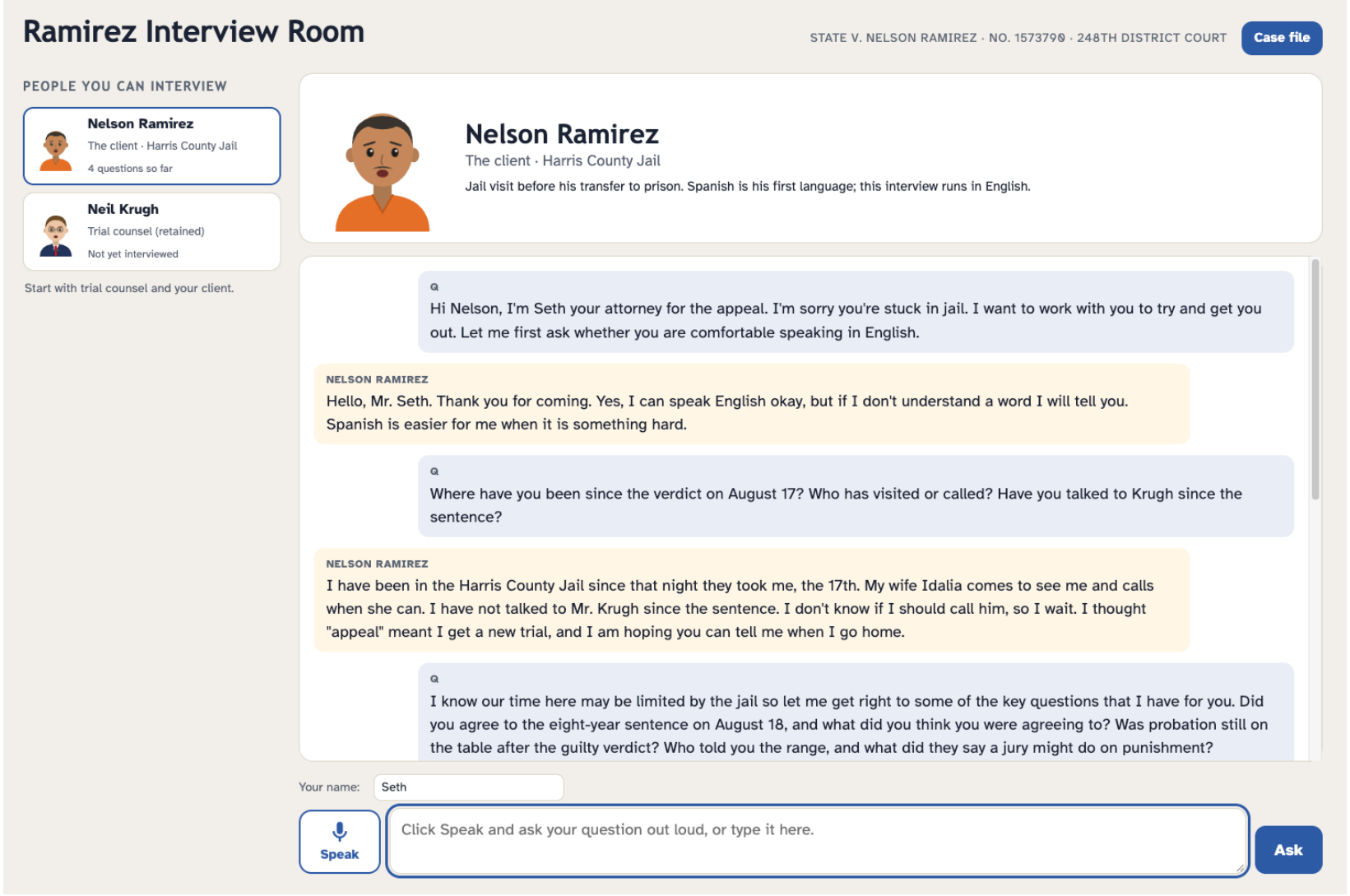

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From a local practitioner: Seth Hopkins

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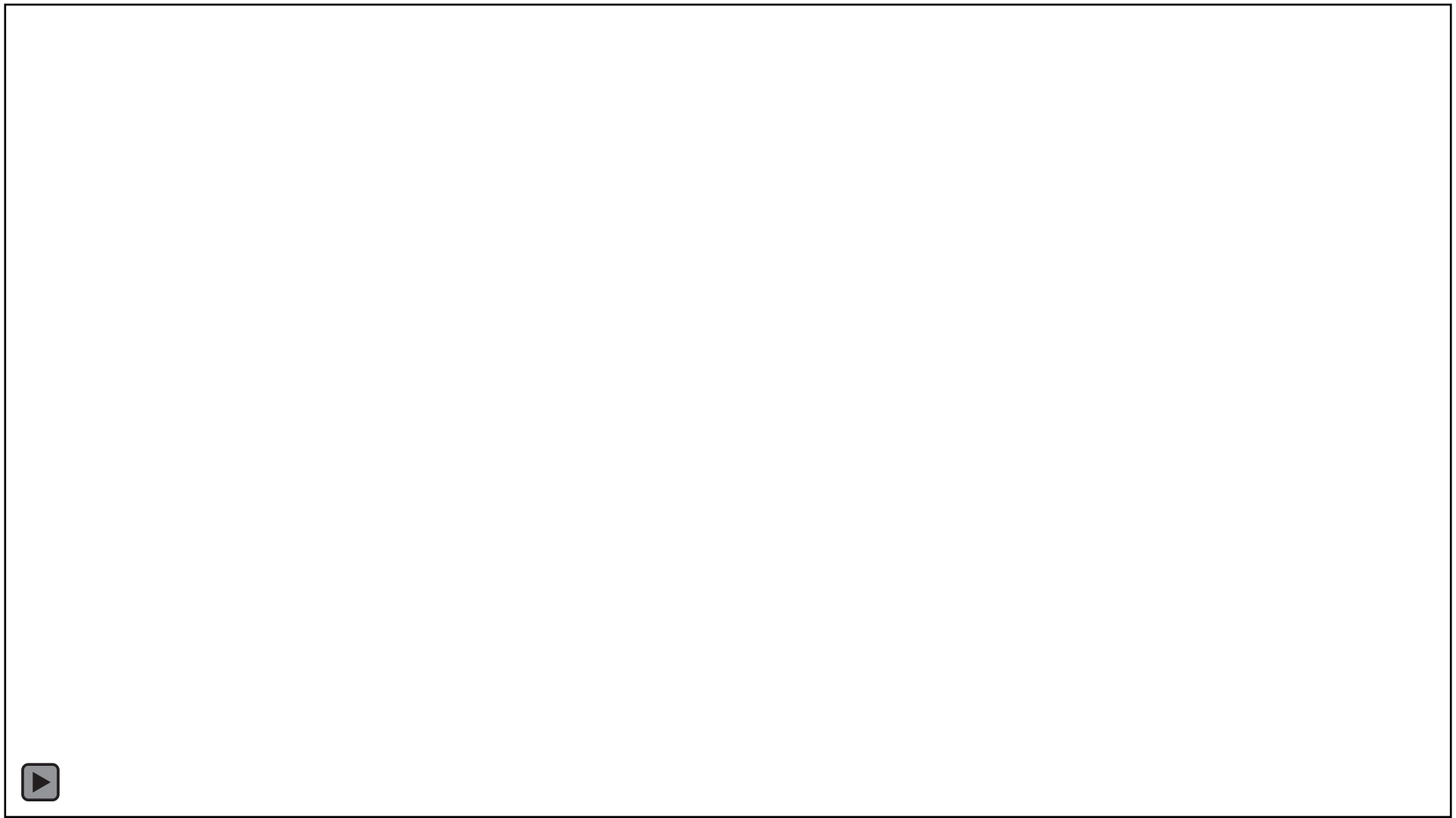
This one was built by one of our adjunct faculty, Jeff Newberry (no programming background), in an afternoon after hearing a one-hour lecture from me.

Remember, we are seeing the equivalents of Flight Simulator 1.0





AI has gotten astonishingly good at math and data analysis



USE SKILLS AND CONNECTORS

This is the single best way to up your AI game in 2026

SKILLS

- English-language computer programs to perform repeated tasks, make use of common resources, contain actual computer programs
- Kind of like (deprecated) Gemini Gems and (deprecated) ChatGPT custom GPTs
- You can build a skill by asking the computer to watch what you do or by using a skill-building skill!

CONNECTORS

- Web search is built in
- CourtListener, Midpage, Descrybe, Dingduff
- LegalDataHunter
- CoCounsel Legal (with the right license :( )
  - And more

Skills

- The best site is lawve.ai
  - Others on GitHub and elsewhere
  - Simple files so you can email them
- Examples
  - Sustainable opposing-counsel review – ruthless criticisms of your work that are themselves ruthlessly criticized so that only the best remain
  - Copy edit – within Claude for Word
  - Antecedint – provides prior-art retrieval, claim comparison, and § 112 claim validation over 10.5M+ US patents.

If only John Marshall had access to AI

Marbury v. Madison: the attack that survives reply

1. **Order of decision.** The Court decides that Marbury has a right and a remedy before holding that it has no jurisdiction to hear him.
2. **Section 13.** The Court holds the statute void without testing the reading that would have saved it: that section 13 supplies mandamus as a remedy only where jurisdiction already exists.
3. **Judicial review.** The oath and the flagrant examples (export taxes, attainder, one witness to treason) show that the Constitution is supreme, not that the Court's reading of it binds Congress and the President.
4. **Authorship.** The Secretary of State who failed to deliver the commission wrote the opinion.

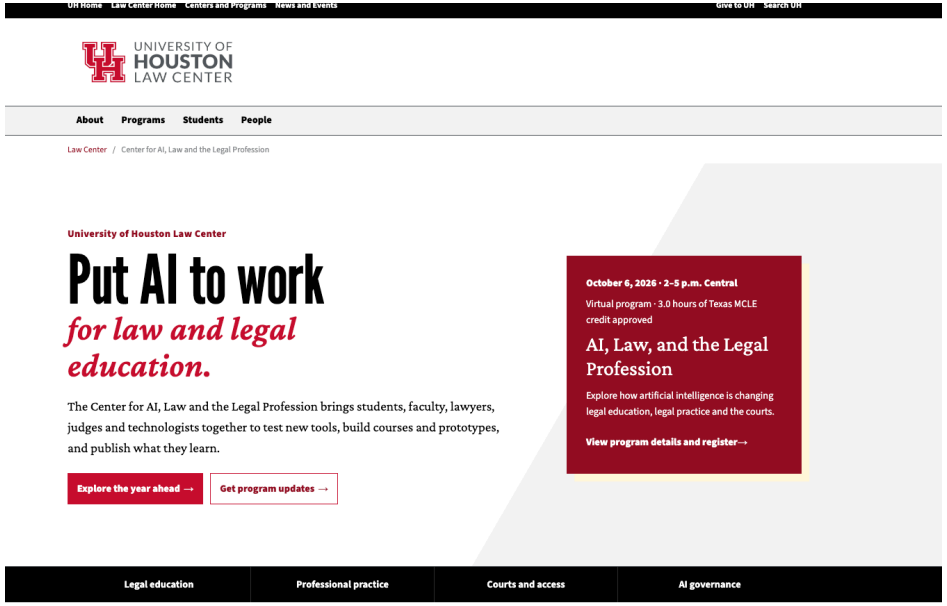
The Center for AI, Law & the Legal Profession

We are building it here at the Law Center

- Training our students
- Training our legal community

You can definitely play a role

- Mentoring our students
- Helping our faculty and administrators understand what is going on in the real world
  - What skills do they want?
- Employing our students for AI projects
  - The kids are the ones who know how to use the devices

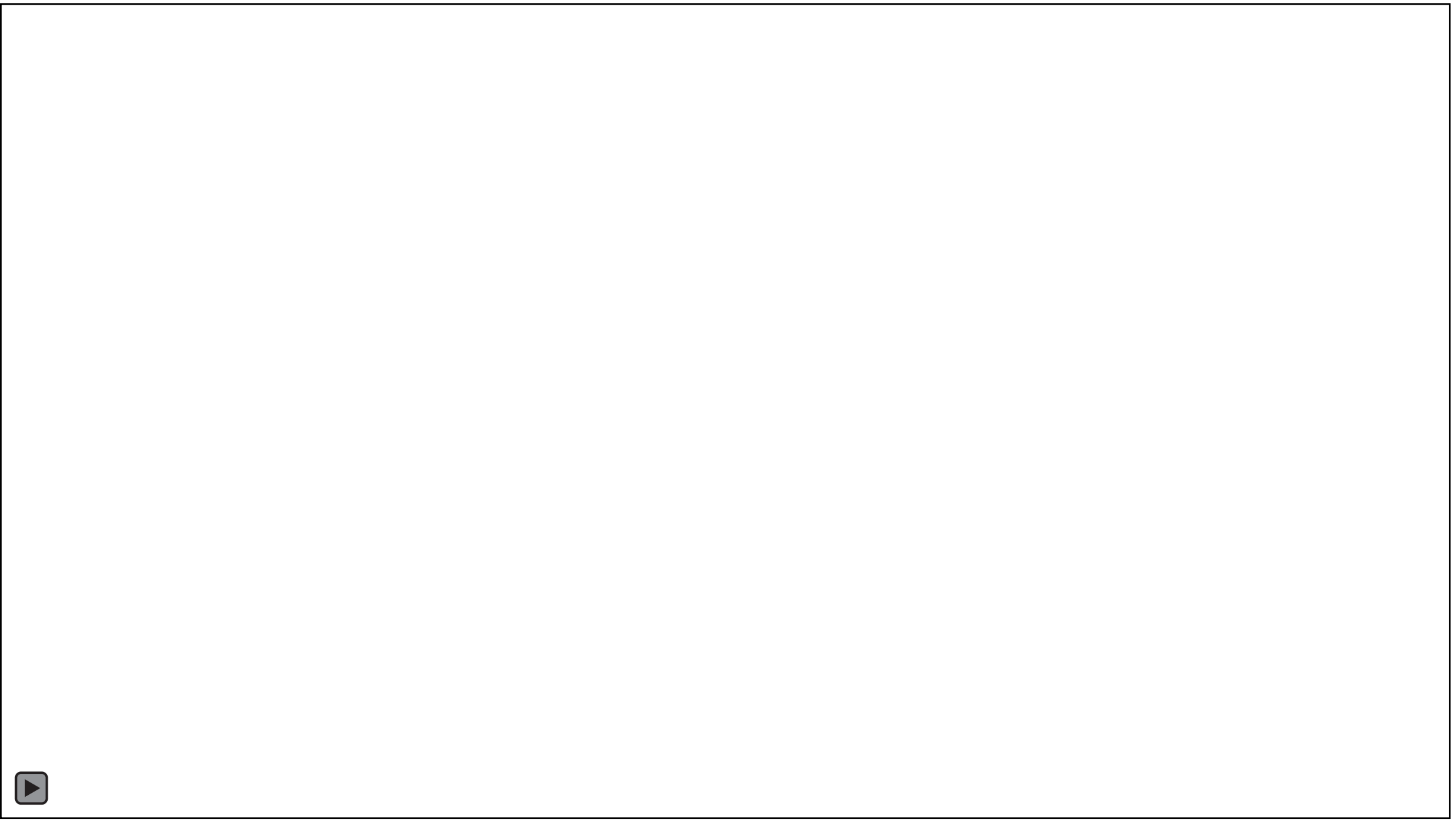


https://law.uh.edu/ai/

Development opportunities

- This does not come free
- Students need support for advanced AI work
- Professors should not be paying out of pocket for tokens and subscriptions
  - It should be like going to a conference or buying a book
- Trainings for in-house counsel, nonprofits, solos, and Big Law

All the negativity



Special negativity for lawyers

- Ethics rules on privacy make frontier models difficult to use
  - Keep current on TOS and court rulings on confidentiality
    - Vendors with super privacy controls have an incentive to deprecate privacy protections of less expensive competitors
  - Confidentiality is becoming modular
    - OpenAI Private Intelligence
    - Local models for some work
- Models inside Harvey and Westlaw are getting much better
  - No longer have to sacrifice output quality for more ironclad privacy

LINKEDIN

People to follow

And many more ... sorry

Ethan Mollick what current models can do, with experiments relevant to faculty

Korin Munsterman practical AI integration in legal education

Larissa Meredith-Flister reusable legal skills and concrete AI workflows

Daniel Schwarcz University of Minnesota Law. Empirical research on AI, legal performance and learning

Alex Shahrestani Managing Partner, Promise Legal (Austin). Articles on AI in law practice

Shlomo Klapper Founder and CEO, Learned Hand. AI tools for judges and courts

Hon. Xavier Rodriguez U.S. District Judge, W.D. Tex.; former Texas Supreme Court justice; adjunct, St. Mary's

Daniel Martin Katz legal AI evaluation, computational law and changes in professional work

Andrew Perlman Suffolk Law Dean. AI's implications for legal education and the profession. Great database on policies

Dazza Greenwood hands-on projects involving legal AI, agents and connected tools

Sean Harrington AI literacy, legal research and law-school teaching

Kenton Brice legal technology, research tools and preparation for practice

Kyle Dingman Scott+Scott (Austin)

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PODCASTS AND BLOGS

What to watch, listen to and read

TWO PODCASTS AND VIDEO SHOWS

Matthew Berman / Forward Future video

Model demonstrations, product walkthroughs, interviews and AI news. The one to watch rather than read.

The AI Daily Brief Nathaniel Whittemore

Frequent explanations of AI developments and what they actually mean in practice.

TWO BLOGS

legaled.ai Seth J. Chandler

AI in legal education and research: worked examples, tool comparisons and projects faculty can try.

Artificial Lawyer artificiallawyer.com

Daily legal tech news and analysis: product launches, funding and how firms are adopting AI.

Some of my work

- Simpson Intake
- The 2026 Term — Constitutional Learning Lab
- Jev Classify
- Constitutional Law — Spring 2027
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- Force CORRECT
- Anything → ICS
- First Amendment Museum
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- Supreme Court CLE — 2026
- Supreme Court — 2026 Term Preview
- What Is Chicken? — The Frigaliment Contract
- Advanced Constitutional Law — Fall 2026



- The Removal Power — Slaughter & Cook
- The Duty to Settle Under Texas Law
- CourtListener Research Agent
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