

**Federal Communications Bar Association**  
**New England Chapter Lunch and Learn**  
**AI in New England**

**Date/Time:** April 30, 2026, 11:30am-1:30pm ET

(Lunch sponsored by Davis, Malm & D'Agostine, P.C. and Verrill Dana LLP)

**Location:** In person at the MA Technology Collaborative, 75 North Drive, Westborough, MA 01581

**Topic:** AI in New England

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AI is impacting every aspect of life and the operations of government, industry and academic institutions. AI functionality, applications and use cases are proliferating and evolving at a rapid pace. The Lunch & Learn will bring together stakeholders for a lively and informative discussion of the current state of play, strategic priorities, AI governance models, and real-world use cases. Attendees will hear from the [Massachusetts AI Hub](#), which was launched in 2024 as a key recommendation of the MA AI Strategic Task Force with the goal of cementing the state as a global leader in the development, deployment and governance of AI. Join us as we hear from a diverse group of stakeholders that are driving growth of the AI ecosystem.

**Moderator**

**Keefe Clemons, Partner, Verrill Dana, LLP**



Keefe B. Clemons is a Partner at the law firm Verrill Dana, LLP in the firm's Energy, Telecommunications and Natural Resources Practice. An experienced litigator and regulatory attorney, his current practice is focused on solving complex legal and regulatory problems for telecommunications, broadband, and other technology companies, and on helping business clients develop and implement effective legal and regulatory strategies to achieve their business objectives. He also works with companies to understand and comply with data privacy laws, respond to data security issues, and to responsibly

leverage AI.

He previously served as a regional Vice President and General Counsel for Verizon Communications Inc. He received his law degree from Harvard Law School, holds a

master's degree from Oxford University in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Policy from Princeton University.

## **Panelists**

### **Sabrina Mansur, Director, Massachusetts Artificial Intelligence (AI) Hub**



As director of Massachusetts Artificial Intelligence (AI) Hub, Sabrina Mansur leads the statewide effort to develop and implement a responsible, cutting-edge AI ecosystem in Massachusetts. Mansur is responsible for implementing the recommendations and vision for AI in Massachusetts that were laid out in the December report issued by Governor Maura Healey's 2024 Artificial Intelligence Strategic Task Force.

Mansur previously held senior roles at Draper Laboratory, Motional, Torc Robotics, and Lockheed Martin.

As head of corporate strategy at Draper Laboratory, Mansur spearheaded enterprise-wide investment and technology roadmap development across the bio, energy, defense, space, and transportation industries. Sabrina played a key role in developing and commercializing a wide range of AI-enabled sensing, navigation and robotics technologies, including robotic perception and localization systems, LIDAR and MEMS gyroscope products. She also served as the chief program manager for Draper's contributions to NASA's Artemis program.

At Motional, she led the strategic roadmap for commercial driverless electric vehicles and the early technical program execution of machine learning-based driverless development. Most recently, she led strategic planning for Torc Robotics, an AI-based autonomous freight delivery company.

Sabrina has a Master of Science in Systems Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania and holds multiple U.S. patents related to AI and autonomy technologies, including innovations in sensor fusion, probabilistic classification and autonomous navigation.

### **Ra'ad Siraj, Trusted Data and AI Executive & Global EcoSystem Connector**



Ra'ad Siraj is a Trusted Data and AI Executive & Global EcoSystem Connector who has spent his career extracting business value from data in a responsible manner. He most recently led AI and privacy for workforce trust at Amazon, and before that scaled the enterprise AI governance program at MassMutual. Earlier roles include Head of Data Solutions at State Street Global Exchange, where he built a business around data aggregation and machine learning for asset managers and asset owners; Director of Strategic Project

Management at the MIT Investment Management Company; and CTO at The Boston Company Asset Management, a division of BNY Mellon. Ra'ad advises the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative's Data Commons governance framework, serves on the boards of several startups, and writes the Siraj newsletter on AI governance. He holds a BS in Computer Science from UC Santa Barbara and an MS in Computer Science from Harvard.

### **Daniel Pelaez, Co-founder and CEO, Cyvl**



Daniel Pelaez is the co-founder and CEO of Cyvl, where he builds AI that operates in the physical world to help local governments maintain safer, more reliable streets and sidewalks. He works directly with mayors, public works directors, and transportation leaders across 500+ U.S. cities, helping them turn infrastructure data into smarter investment decisions — so taxpayers get more fixes per dollar and communities see results faster.

After earning a B.S. in Electrical & Computer Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Daniel worked on advanced satellite-communications research at MIT Lincoln Laboratory and served as a systems engineer in the Raytheon Missiles & Defense group. Those roles honed the mapping, sensing, and data-fusion skills he would bring to Cyvl.

In 2021 he co-founded Cyvl and has since raised more than \$10 million in venture funding, assembled a Boston-based team of engineers and former city staff, and deployed Cyvl's 3-D mapping and AI platform.

### **Nader Karayanni, Co-founder and CEO, newcase.ai**



Nader Karayanni is the Co-founder and CEO of [newcase.ai](https://newcase.ai), helping litigation teams unlock intelligence from proprietary litigation data.

Previously, he founded Surplex (now [striv.run](https://striv.run)) and worked at Microsoft's Defender, using AI to detect security threats.

He has a B.S. in Computer Science from the Israel Institute of Technology and a Master's degree in Computer Science from Columbia University, where he

was a Fulbright Scholar.