



PROJECT PROS: Molly Van Houweling and Paul Schwartz will lead two of the American Law Institute's signature initiatives.

BCLT FACULTY DIRECTORS TAPPED FOR LEADING ROLES ON AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE PROJECTS

The American Law Institute (ALI) clearly values the insights of professors Paul Schwartz and Molly Van Houweling, selecting the BCLT faculty directors for leadership roles on two of its major initiatives.

Schwartz was named co-reporter on ALI's *Principles of the Law, Data Privacy* project, which seeks to bring greater order and consistency to privacy law and provide guidance to courts and legislatures. A renowned privacy expert, Schwartz sees the assignment as an exciting and essential opportunity.

"The topic of privacy went from being of interest to just a few techies to something that now interests everyone," he explains. "We must consider risks and rewards. For example, today's medical researchers can gather huge data sets from different hospitals. There are threats to privacy

involved, but great potential benefits, too."

So far, Schwartz and his ALI colleagues have developed an initial set of 14 principles they believe are broad enough to effectively manage information privacy in the 21st century.

Van Houweling was named one of four associate reporters on ALI's *Restatement of the Law, Copyright* project. This marks the field's first restatement—one long overdue, Van Houweling notes, given that the Copyright Act of 1976 was the last major revision to statutory copyright law in the United States.

"Copyright law is more important than ever," she says. "While it has always governed the activity of publishing companies, in the digital age, everyone with a computer or Internet access is a potential publisher—and a potential copyright infringer."

Before joining Berkeley Law's faculty in 2005, Van Houweling once worked for

Creative Commons, a nonprofit that enables sharing creativity and knowledge through free, legal tools. "I relish the idea of working on something that might help to summarize copyright in a way that's useful for ordinary people, as well as for legal experts," she says.

Schwartz and Van Houweling join a prestigious list of Berkeley Law contributors to ALI projects. Pamela Samuelson, another BCLT faculty director and a national leader on intellectual property policy, serves as an advisor for the *Copyright* project. William Prosser, the school's former iconic dean, was a reporter for the second *Restatement of Torts*.

"Prosser's project had a huge impact on the law," Schwartz says. "It's an honor for me to do this work, and to follow in the Berkeley Law and Dean Prosser traditions."
—Ben Peterson