

Facial Recognition Technology: The Legal Implications

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Portland was one of the first cities in the nation to prohibit certain uses of facial recognition technology (FRT) by private businesses. This was followed by a limit on the use of FRT by City of Portland entities. Will other Oregon jurisdictions follow suit? And, what is FRT and how is it being used? FRT is a type of biometric technology that collects and processes billion of pictures from databases and the web to generate a composite. Initially used to improve security measures, the application of FRT has expanded—from detecting known shoplifters to identifying a customer’s preferred cocktail. Yet as the use and applications of FRT grows so does the feeling that “big brother is watching.” In addition to concerns about privacy and data protection, a discriminatory impact exists. Database flaws have led to the misidentification of individuals—disproportionately people of color—resulting in wrongful arrests and incarceration. There is little federal regulation of biometric privacy. State and local governments will be under increased pressure to step in to fill the gaps, and in particular, to address the discriminatory effects of FRT. Don’t miss this opportunity to join Professor Sam Hodge for an informative and engaging exploration of the anticipated measures to regulate the evolving field of FRT.



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Professor Hodge is the recipient of numerous teaching awards, including the Temple University Great Teacher Award. His interactive teaching style has received national attention by The New York Times, The Chronicle of Higher Education, The Philadelphia Inquirer, and National Public Radio. A prolific author, Professor Hodge’s research has been cited in court opinions, legislation, law review publications, and legal and medical journals.



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