Pitt Law School Hosting ICAIL 2011

The 13th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Law (ICAIL) 2011 will be held at Pitt’s Law School June 6-10, 2011. LRDC Senior Scientist Kevin Ashley is co-Chair for this year’s conference. Kevin has recently been named the recipient of one of the first Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney Faculty Scholar Awards at the Law School. This award will allow Kevin to focus on adapting computer-supported peer review to the needs of law teaching.

Kevin joins Program Chair Tom van Engers, professor of Legal Knowledge Management at the University of Amsterdam, in organizing the ICAIL in Pittsburgh this year. The field of AI and Law combines the study of legal reasoning and argumentation with computational methods and advanced information technology. A faculty member in Law and Intelligent Systems, Kevin develops computational models of case-based reasoning (CBR) in domains such as law as a basis for intelligent systems to educate students and assist practitioners. Kevin’s research also includes identifying and analyzing special legal problems posed by computer technology in such areas as intellectual property, commercial law, and computer crime and privacy. He has developed courses on “Cyberspace and the Law,” “Computers and Law,” and “Information Age Torts.”

The ICAIL conference at Pitt features workshops on topics of research and development in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Law, such as e-Discovery, Legal Applications of Human Language Technology, and computational Law/Business Rules. Other conference events include research presentations, invited talks, and a number of social events. For more information, visit http://www.lw.pitt.edu/ICAIL2011. Host cities for ICAIL in the past have been Barcelona, Bologna, Melbourne, Oslo, and Oxford. U.S. sites include Boston, St. Louis, and Stanford.