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**61** Publications

**4,352** Citations

**22** *h*-index

**26** *i10*-index

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Researcher and serial entrepreneur working at the intersection of technology, law, and finance for over 25 years. Work spans artificial intelligence, law, finance, and information security, with research published in venues including *Science*, the Royal Society, *Quantitative Finance*, and Cambridge University Press.

## Professional Experience

<b>President</b> , <a href="#">ALEA Institute</a>	Present
<b>Chief Executive Officer</b> , <a href="#">273 Ventures</a>	Present
<b>Chief Executive Officer</b> , <a href="#">Bommarito Consulting, LLC</a>	Present
<b>Chief Technology Officer</b> , <a href="#">licens.io</a>	Past
<b>Chief Executive Officer &amp; Co-Founder</b> , LexPredict (acquired by Elevate, 2018)	2013–2018

## Academic Appointments

<b>Affiliate</b> , <a href="#">CodeX</a> , Stanford Center for Legal Informatics, Stanford University	2024–present
<b>Fellow</b> , <a href="#">CodeX</a> , Stanford Center for Legal Informatics, Stanford University	2014–2023
<b>Head of Research</b> , <a href="#">Law Lab</a> , Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology	2017–present
<b>Adjunct Professor</b> , College of Law, Michigan State University	2012–2017
<b>Lecturer</b> , Center for the Study of Complex Systems, University of Michigan	2014–2016

## Education

**M.S.E., Financial Engineering**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
**M.A., Political Science**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
**B.S., Mathematics**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
**ABD Ph.D., Political Science**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

## Books & Edited Volumes

[1] Katz, D. M., Dolin, R., & **Bommarito, M. J.** (2021). *Legal informatics*. Cambridge University Press. ISBN: 978-1107142725 ↗

- [2] **Bommarito, M. J.** (2026). *This Is Server Country: AI, Power, and the Remaking of Rural America*. Self-published. ISBN: 979-8-9943457-3-3 (paperback), 979-8-9943457-2-6 (ebook) ↗
- [3] **Bommarito, M. J.** (2026). *The Math Inside the Machine: How Intelligence Emerges from Eleven Simple Operations*. Self-published. ISBN: 979-8-9943457-8-8 (paperback), 979-8-9943457-9-5 (ebook) ↗
- [4] **Bommarito, M. J., II** (2026). *Rough Consensus: How Engineers, Hackers, and Spies Built the Internet*. Self-published. ISBN: 979-8-9943457-7-1 (paperback), 979-8-9943457-6-4 (ebook)

### Books in Preparation

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- [2] **Bommarito, M. J.** (2026). *From Clay to Code: How Legal Technology Shaped the Modern World*. Self-published. *Draft manuscript*.
- [3] **Bommarito, M. J.** (2026). *From C to Windows Kernel Defense: A Practitioner's Guide to Windows Kernel Security*. Self-published. *Draft manuscript*.
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### Articles, Proceedings & Chapters

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- [2] **Bommarito, M. J.**, Katz, D. M., & Bommarito, J. (2025). *How to Design an AI Agent: Architectures, Protocols, and Technical Evaluation of Agentic AI Systems for Law & Finance*. SSRN. ↗
- [3] Bommarito, J., Katz, D. M., & **Bommarito, M. J.** (2025). *Governing AI Agents: Risk, Compliance, and Accountability in Law and Finance*. SSRN. ↗
- [4] Katz, D. M., **Bommarito, M. J.**, Gao, S., & Arredondo, P. (2024). *GPT-4 passes the bar exam*. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A*. Volume 382, Issue 2270, Article 20230254 ↗
- [5] Chalkidis, I., Jana, A., Hartung, D., **Bommarito, M.**, Androutsopoulos, I., Katz, D. M., & Aletras, N. (2022). *LexGLUE: A benchmark dataset for legal language understanding in English*. *Proceedings of the 60th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2022)*. Volume 1: Long Papers, Pages 4310-4330 ↗
- [6] **Bommarito II, M. J.** (2021). *Preprocessing Data*. *Legal Informatics (Chapter 2.3)*. In *Legal Informatics*, Katz, D. M., Dolin, R., & Bommarito, M. J. (eds.). Cambridge University Press. ↗
- [7] Coupette, C., Beckedorf, J., Hartung, D., **Bommarito, M.**, & Katz, D. M. (2021). *Measuring law over time: A network analytical framework with an application to statutes and regulations in the United States and Germany*. *Frontiers in Physics*. Volume 9, Article 658463 ↗
- [8] **Bommarito II, M. J.**, Katz, D. M., & Detterman, E. M. (2021). *LexNLP: Natural language processing and information extraction for legal and regulatory texts*. *Research Handbook on Big Data Law*. Pages 216-227, Edward Elgar Publishing ↗

- [9] Lee, E. D., Katz, D. M., **Bommarito, M. J.**, & Ginsparg, P. H. (2020). *Sensitivity of collective outcomes identifies pivotal components*. Journal of The Royal Society Interface. Volume 17, Issue 167, 20190873 [↗](#)
- [10] **Bommarito II, M. J.**, & Duran, A. (2018). *Spectral analysis of time-dependent market-adjusted return correlation matrix*. Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications. Volume 503, Pages 273-282 [↗](#)
- [11] **Bommarito II, M. J.**, & Katz, D. M. (2017). *Measuring and modeling the US regulatory ecosystem*. Journal of Statistical Physics. Volume 168, Issue 5, Pages 1125-1135 [↗](#)
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- [14] Candeub, A., & **Bommarito, M. J.** (2015). *Understanding the Federal Communication Commission's Policy-Making Using Big Data*. TPRC 43: The 43rd Research Conference on Communication, Information and Internet Policy. [↗](#)
- [15] Katz, D. M., & **Bommarito, M. J.** (2014). *Measuring the complexity of the law: the United States Code*. Artificial Intelligence and Law. Volume 22, Issue 4, Pages 337-374 [↗](#)
- [16] Agrawal, A., Brown, D. G., Rao, G., Riolo, R., Robinson, D. T., & **Bommarito II, M.** (2013). *Interactions between organizations and networks in common-pool resource governance*. Environmental Science & Policy. Volume 25, Pages 138-146 [↗](#)
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## Preprints, Reports & Working Papers

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- [1] **Bommarito, M. J., II** (2026). *The Windows IOCTL Census: A Corpus-Scale, Multi-Architecture Database of the Driver Control-Code Surface*. Working paper (draft). *Draft manuscript*.
- [2] **Bommarito, M. J., II** (2026). *The Scrutiny Gradient: A Mean-Field Survey of Security Commits, CVEs, and Dossiers in 22 Linux Base-System Repositories*. Working paper (draft). *Draft manuscript*.
- [3] **Bommarito, M. J.** (2026). *OpenMPSC: An Open Dataset of Michigan Public Service Commission Regulatory Proceedings*. SSRN. Posted: April 2026 ↗
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- [16] **Bommarito II, M.**, & Katz, D. M. (2022). *GPT takes the bar exam*. arXiv preprint. arXiv:2212.14402 [↗](#)
- [17] **Bommarito, M. J.**, & Bommarito, E. (2021). *An empirical analysis of the R package ecosystem*. arXiv preprint. arXiv:2102.09904 [↗](#)
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- [19] **Bommarito, M. J.**, Katz, D. M., & Detterman, E. M. (2018). *OpenEDGAR: Open source software for SEC EDGAR analysis*. MIT Computational Law Report. arXiv:1806.04973 [↗](#)
- [20] Katz, D. M., **Bommarito II, M. J.**, & Blackman, J. (2017). *Crowdsourcing accurately and robustly predicts Supreme Court decisions*. arXiv preprint. arXiv:1712.03846 [↗](#)
- [21] Katz, D. M., & **Bommarito, M. J.** (2016). *Legal analytics course*. Course Materials.
- [22] Poast, P., **Bommarito, M. J.**, & Katz, D. M. (2015). *The Electronic World Treaty Index: Collecting the Population of International Agreements in the 20th Century*. SSRN. SSRN 2652760 [↗](#)
- [23] Katz, D. M., **Bommarito, M. J.**, Soellinger, T., & Chen, J. M. (2015). *Law on the market? Evaluating the securities market impact of Supreme Court decisions*. arXiv preprint. arXiv:1508.05751 [↗](#)
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- [25] **Bommarito, M. J.** (2010). *The Race to the Bund: Aggregate European and State-Level Integration from the EEC to Present*. SSRN. [↗](#)
- [26] **Bommarito, M. J.** (2010). *Intraday Correlation Patterns between the S&P 500 and Sector Indices*. SSRN. [↗](#)
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- [28] **Bommarito II, M. J.**, & Katz, D. M. (2009). *Properties of the United States Code citation network*. arXiv preprint. arXiv:0911.1751 [↗](#)
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## Security Disclosures (CVEs)

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**19** assigned CVEs, including 1 Critical (CVSS 9.8) and 15 High-severity, concentrated in the Linux kernel (SMB/ksmbd, RDMA/rxe, isofs, Bluetooth, and xfrm), with earlier disclosures in MySQL. A further 10+ reports are under coordinated disclosure across Linux, Mozilla (Firefox/Thunderbird), AMD, NVIDIA, and Windows.

## Selected Open-Source Software, Datasets & Models

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- **OpenMPSC Data** [Dataset] — Open dataset of Michigan Public Service Commission regulatory proceedings, 1987–2026, with a public REST API at [openmpsc.com](https://openmpsc.com) [↗](#)

- **linux-drivers.com** [Dataset] — Evidence-backed dossiers for 864 Linux kernel drivers, recommending which legacy drivers to keep, annotate, deprecate, or remove ↗
- **Michigan Energy Infrastructure & Population Density Map** [Dataset] — Multi-layer geospatial visualization of Michigan’s energy infrastructure overlaid on Census population density, with a data center siting score for all 1,580 county subdivisions
- **OpenGloss** [Software] — A synthetic encyclopedic dictionary and semantic knowledge graph for English with 537K sense definitions, 9.1M semantic edges, and 60M words of encyclopedic content ↗
- **NUPunkt** [Software] — High-precision sentence boundary detection for legal text ↗
- **KL3M Tokenizers** [Software] — Domain-specific BPE tokenizers for legal, financial, and governmental text, achieving 9-17% efficiency improvements over GPT-4 and LLaMA3 ↗
- **KL3M Data Project** [Dataset] — Large-scale copyright-clean dataset containing 132M+ documents and trillions of tokens for training legal language models ↗
- **FOLIO - Federated Open Legal Information Ontology** [Dataset] — Open-source legal data standard containing 18,000+ standardized legal concepts with multilingual support for improved legal industry interoperability ↗
- **LexNLP** [Software] — Natural language processing and information extraction for legal and regulatory text ↗
- **OpenEDGAR** [Software] — Open source Python client for SEC EDGAR data access and analysis ↗

## Selected Talks & Presentations

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<i>The Landscape for Content Licensing for AI: Challenges and Opportunities</i> [Talk] — Book Industry Study Group ↗	2024
<i>Legal certification 2.0: Are LLMs turning legal education upside down?</i> [Podcast] — Law of Tech Podcast ↗	2023
<i>Preparing Law Students for the Future</i> [Podcast] — 3 Geeks and a Law Blog ↗	2023
<i>Can GPT Pass the Bar Exam? We Find Out</i> [Podcast] — LawNext Podcast ↗	2023
<i>From Law of the Sea to Legal Underwriting</i> [Talk] — Fin(Legal)Tech 2016 ↗	2016
<i>Law’s Future from Finance’s Past</i> [Talk] — ReinventLaw Silicon Valley ↗	2013

## In the Press

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My research has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Financial Times*, *WIRED*, *Vox*, and *Science*.

## Honors & Distinctions

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Fastcase 50	2019
NSF Research Assistantship, Center for the Study of Complex Systems	2010–2011
NSF Fellowship, IDEAS-IGERT	2009–2010
NSF Research Assistantship, School of Natural Resources & Environment	2008–2009
Google Summer of Code (participant)	2007, 2008, 2009