

BUSINESS LEADERS AND INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS TO GATHER IN NEW YORK FOR CONNECTED AND AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES CONFERENCE

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Business leaders and industry stakeholders are due to gather in New York next month for an afternoon of discussions focusing on current issues and emerging trends in the connected and autonomous vehicles industry. Connected and autonomous driving technology presents a wide range of business opportunities, but the pace at which it is developing, combined with the evolving global regulatory landscape, poses a number of novel and challenging legal issues.

Hailed by many as the new industrial revolution, the automotive sector is already undergoing a period of rapid transformation arising from the development of connected and autonomous driving technology. However, it is not the only sector that stands to be radically altered. The possible applications of this technology are far reaching and straddle a variety of different sectors including private and public transportation, public road, aerial, marine, space, military, agriculture, mining and many others.

The conference will bring together guest speakers, including **Ali Chaudhry**, New York State Deputy Secretary for Transportation, Office of Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo; **Joseph Kennedy**, Senior Fellow, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (former chief economist, US Department of Commerce); **Jonathan Klick**, Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School; and **Suzanne J. Murtha**, VP, Connected and Automated Technologies, AECOM.

Also speaking at the conference will be a multijurisdictional group of Herbert Smith Freehills partners, including [Joseph Falcone](#) (New York), [James Robinson](#) (New York), [Philip Pfeffer](#) (London) and [Kyriakos Fountoukakos](#) (Brussels).

Topics covered will include:

- The evolving US and global regulatory and commercial landscape for connected and autonomous technology
- Smart cities and the impact of autonomous vehicles on infrastructure projects
- Big data, cybersecurity and data protection issues
- Product liability, class action risks and insurance implications
- M&A trends, competition issues and cross industry collaboration

Commenting on the conference, Joseph Falcone said: "In the United States, the autonomous vehicles industry is navigating transformation across the board – from regulatory and data protection issues to safety and infrastructure concerns. We are delighted to host this event in New York and hope that it will offer leading-edge insights into the key issues the industry is facing as it moves into its next stages of development."

Philip Pfeffer added: "Across the globe we are seeing technological and regulatory advancements clearing a path forward for the connected and autonomous vehicle industry. There is little doubt that the widespread deployment of driverless vehicles will become a reality, changing the concept of mobility as we know it."

Connected and autonomous vehicles will play a significant role in the cities of the future. Our recent report, *Connected and Autonomous Vehicles: Navigating the Future*, captures some of the key questions, challenges and potential solutions in this fast moving area that is continuing to develop. To download a copy of the full report, please click [here](#).

This event is by invitation only. If you would like additional information about the Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Conference being held on April 17, 2018 in New York, or to request an invitation, please contact [Rachel Losowski](#).

[Connected and Autonomous Vehicles: Navigating the Future](#)

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