Message from the Chairs

Welcome to the Eighth IEEE International Workshop on Requirements Engineering and Law (RELAW) on August 25th 2015 in Ottawa, Canada, co-located with RE’15.

Over the past several decades, we have experienced tremendous growth in new infrastructure, business practices, products and services that use information to achieve stakeholder goals. Laws and regulations from governments impose compliance challenges for the requirements engineers that build and maintain these information systems, including: balancing privacy and security, patient medical records, corporate governance, and ambiguity stemming from evolving regulations, technologies, and societies. Regulators, lawyers, engineers, and academics must address these challenges through a shared pursuit to understand the historical and social impact of laws and regulations on emerging technology. Importantly, these challenges are both expensive and continuing. Regulatory compliance must be maintained and monitored throughout the life of regulated information systems.

The eighth RELAW workshop is a multi-disciplinary, one-day workshop that brings together practitioners and researchers from two domains: Requirements Engineering and Law. Participants from government, industry, and academic sectors investigate challenges to ensure that information systems comply with policies and laws. This year, we also explicitly focus on mechanisms for improving communication between the requirements engineering and legal communities. Thus, the theme of the workshop this year is “Requirements For Lawyers”. This theme highlights ways to improve communication and feedback from these critical communities. What can lawyers and policy makers do to ease the burdens of establishing and demonstrating compliance? What can requirements engineers do to assist lawyers and policy makers seeking to craft implementable, easily understood laws and regulations? The goals of this workshop include, but are not limited to:

- Developing methods compliance requirements; for monitoring regulatory
- Identifying and managing sources of uncertainty in legal compliance;
- Standardizing vocabulary, terms and modeling concepts from multiple disciplines;
- Improving communication between and aligning processes within requirements engineering and law; and
• Identifying unsolved research and industry challenges and validation objectives for proposed solutions.

This year, the RELAW program committee consists of 25 academic, industry and government experts in software and requirements engineering, standards conformance and law. The workshop received 14 paper submissions. Each paper was peer-reviewed by three program committee members, including at least one senior member and one member who is a legal domain expert. Based upon the program committee recommendations, eighth exciting papers were selected for presentation at the workshop and publication in the IEEE workshop proceedings. These eighth papers are divided in three sessions with the main topics as follows:

1) Logical Modeling and Knowledge Representation
2) Goal Models and Measurement
3) Compliance in Multiple Jurisdictions

The RELAW organizers would like to thank the program committee members for volunteering their time and effort in providing constructive and fruitful reviews.

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