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# Workers Rights Forum III: AI and Other Challenges to the Future of Workers' Rights

Wednesday,  
Sept 9th

11:00am – 2:00pm

Join the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Chicago for Worker Rights Forum III 2026, a timely program examining current developments in the labor and employment arena, with particular focus on *Magnifica Humanitas*, Pope Leo's encyclical addressing artificial intelligence. Designed for attorneys and interested members of the public, the forum will explore recent federal policies and executive orders affecting federal employees; court challenges to the National Labor Relations Act and NLRB; and the evolving impact of artificial intelligence on employees.

The Forum seeks to educate lawyers and other members of the public about Catholic teaching on worker justice and to discuss how to respond to AI and other trends affecting workers.

The day will consist of three sessions:

## **KEYNOTE: MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS: Insights from Pope Leo's Encyclical Exploring Artificial Intelligence and Essential Humanity**

**Joseph Vukov**

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago

## **SESSION II: The Fate of Worker Protections Due To Constitutional Challenges and Trump Administration Policy**

**Professor Anne Lofaso Esq.**

University of Cincinnati College of Law

**Professor Heather Beard**

Teaching Assistant Professor, University of Illinois Law School

## **SESSION III: Challenges For Low-Wage Workers and Immigrants**

**Jane Flanagan**

Director, Illinois Department of Labor

**Tommy Ryan III and Gil Barrigan**

Business Agents, Mid-America Carpenters Union

## Location

Carpenters  
Council Hall  
12 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

## Fees

\$40.00 – Member  
\$50.00 – Non-Member  
\$25.00 – Students  
(with a valid  
.edu email)

## CLE Credit

*Lunch will be provided.*

Two-hours of Illinois general CLE credit will be provided for this program. Please provide ARDC number during registration to obtain CLE credit.

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