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How can we leverage digitization to improve access to justice without compromising the fundamental principles of our legal system? eAccess to Justice describes the challenges that come with the integration of information and communication technologies into our courtrooms, and explores lessons learned from digitization projects in Canada and abroad. With contributions by leading experts in the field, the work is divided into three parts. Part I focuses on ways in which digitization projects can affect fundamental justice principles and emphasizes the complicated relationship between privacy and transparency in making court records and decisions available online. Part II, in turn, examines the implementation of digitization technologies in the justice system with a focus on four different technologies (e-filing, videoconferencing, tablets for presentation, and review of evidence by jurors). Finally, Part III explores the complex web of values, norms, and practices that support our systems of justice, the reasons for the well-established resistance to change, and the avenues and prospects of eAccess in the future.

eAccess to Justice is a must-read work that provides a unique and valuable framework for thinking about the implications of digitization and the legal system.

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