This experiential education event will challenge its participants to create legal innovation that can support economic development. The “Legithon” will bring together creative people with interests in law, business, and public service for a weekend of intensive, hands-on work and learning at the Vermont State House in Montpelier. Participants will work for two days with coaches and mentors drawn from academia, business and the legislature itself to draft model legislation that could create a productive legal climate for fostering technology-based business while still protecting the public interest.

The Legithon is learning through the act of creating. It allows people to step outside of their comfort zone and dedicate a weekend to learning about policy making and drafting concrete proposals for changing laws. Legithon is not a conference to listen and study theory, but a place to learn how to put good ideas for specific change into concrete form. The target will be:

“Law changes that will foster economic development, particularly development involving innovative technology, but which will not require significant public expenditure or subsidy, and which will respect the general good of society.”

Would changes in law help promote the Maker Movement? The sharing economy? The adoption of the Blockchain? Bring your ideas on these and other possibilities to Montpelier.

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Additional information at vtlegithon.org