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Transformative emerging technology leader and artificial intelligence ethicist Emerging Technology Strategy | AI Ethics | Corporate Governance | Innovation

Jeffrey Saviano is a distinguished leader with profound expertise in innovation and emerging technology strategy, governance, and ethical AI practices. With over three decades of experience at Ernst & Young (EY), Jeff has been at the forefront of driving innovation, developing and commercializing several new businesses and solutions for EY. Jeff provides strategic counsel to senior business leaders while serving in several leadership roles. Jeff's novel approach to developing expertise in strategic areas involves deep immersion in expert communities through appointments at Harvard, MIT, and Boston University School of Law, as well as fellowships and advisory roles, including with New America and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

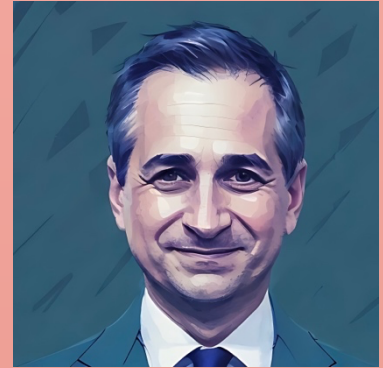
Emerging Technology Strategy, Governance, & Ethics. Jeff is an AI ethicist, renowned for his expertise in emerging technology strategy, particularly in governance and responsible AI practices. Jeff is a strategic advisor on initiatives grounded in AI, Web3, and advanced data methodologies, serving both government and commercial clients. As the AI Leader for the EY Center for Board Matters, he is dedicated to educating and advising corporate boards and C-suite executives on emerging technology strategy and adoption, with an AI emphasis. Further, Jeff leads a research collaboration with MIT Connection Science, established in 2018.

Corporate Innovation. At EY, Jeff served on the global innovation and Tax / Law service line leadership teams, where he designed, implemented, and led the firm's innovation strategy for an \$11b business. This work entailed the development and commercialization of new solutions grounded in emerging technologies; and the launch of the EY Advanced Technology Cambridge Lab, where he built and led a multidisciplinary team developing new business models, solutions and advisory services grounded in emerging technologies such as AI and blockchain. These offerings resulted in several hundred \$million of new, annuity revenue for EY, from products including TaxChat, Data Permissions Navigator, and ACA solutions. Jeff co-founded *The Prosperity Collaborative*, a partnership among EY, the World Bank, MIT, and select NGOs, aimed at creating better systems through innovative technology.

Recognized Thought Leader. Jeff frequently shares his insights on AI strategy, governance, and ethics for institutions including WEF, TEDx, U.S. Congressional Roundtable, Nasdaq, United Nations, and U.S. Treasury. He has advised numerous corporate boards and C-suite executives on AI strategy, governance, and ethics. Jeff is the founder and host of the [Better Innovation](#) podcast, launched in 2017, where he has interviewed 100+ leaders to explore how innovation is transforming our digital world. His contributions to the discourse on technology and innovation have been widely acknowledged, including publishing an [Op-Ed in Fortune](#) in May of 2024 calling for corporate boards to profusely engage in responsible AI governance.

People and P&L Leadership. Jeff has held several senior leadership roles at EY, including Global Tax / Law Innovation Leader and currently as the Emerging Tech Strategy & Governance Leader. As the CEO of the EY Indirect Tax practice, Jeff was responsible for a highly profitable \$500m line of business with ~2,000 employees.

Education. Jeff holds an LL.M degree (Taxation) from Boston University School of Law, JD degree from Syracuse University College of Law, BBA degree (Accounting) from Iona University, and completed courses at MIT (AI, Blockchain), Northwestern (Leadership), and Harvard (Strategic Leadership, Journey to the Boardroom).



Expertise

- ▶ Emerging technology strategy (AI focus)
- ▶ AI ethics and governance
- ▶ Corporate governance / board advisor
- ▶ Innovation theory, practice, and leadership; legal domain specialty
- ▶ Advanced technology lab design, launch, leadership, and product development
- ▶ P&L management / operations
- ▶ University partnerships and research
- ▶ Public-private partnerships
- ▶ Tech policy and regulatory compliance
- ▶ Tax policy and practice
- ▶ Global government credits and incentives
- ▶ Digital public goods
- ▶ Global / emerging markets
- ▶ Public speaking and thought leadership

Board Service

- ▶ [Boston Center for the Arts](#)
- ▶ [Iona University LaPenta Business School](#)
- ▶ [Boston Global Forum](#)
- ▶ World Orphan Project

Appointments and Fellowships

- ▶ [Business AI Ethics Leader](#), Harvard University Safra Center for Ethics
- ▶ [Research Affiliate / Senior Fellow](#), MIT Connection Science
- ▶ [Lecturer](#), Boston University School of Law
- ▶ [Fellow](#), New America
- ▶ [Trade Finance Advisory Council](#), U.S. Department of Commerce