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Basha Rubin is the CEO and Co-Founder of Priori, the legal marketplace changing the way in-house teams find, hire and manage outside counsel.

Basha writes and speaks extensively on how technology is changing and will change the marketplace for legal services. Her work has been featured in Forbes, Techcrunch, Entrepreneur and Corporate Counsel, and she has spoken at ABA Techshow, Women in Legal Technology Conference, Clio Cloud Conference, SXSW, Reinvent Law, SOLID Conference and Legal Geek. Basha has been named an ABA Journal Legal Rebel, Financial Times Top 10 Business Legal Technologist, LTRC Woman of LegalTech, StartUpBoost 33 Under 33, ILTA Young Professional to Watch and is part of Baylor Law School’s “The Braintrust.” She holds a JD and BA from Yale University and is a member of the New York Bar.
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