

**2007-2008 SECTION ANNUAL REPORT
STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN**

Section Name: Information Technology Law Section (formerly known as Computer Law Section)

Mission Statement: The Section is organized to review, comment upon, and apprise members of the State Bar of Michigan and others of, developments in the law relating to information technology, including:

- (a) the protection of intellectual and other proprietary rights;
- (b) sale, leasing, distribution, provision, and use of, hardware, software, services, and technology, including computer and data processing equipment, computer software and services, games and gaming, information processing, programming, and computer networks;
- (c) electronic commerce;
- (d) electronic implementation of governmental and other non-commercial functions;
- (e) the Internet and other networks; and
- (f) associated contract and tort liabilities, and related civil and criminal legal consequences.

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Section Bylaws: This year the Section's Bylaws were amended to change the name of the section from "Computer Law Section" to "Information Technology Law Section."

Section Publications: In connection with the Section's name change, the name of the Section's newsletter, "Michigan Computer Lawyer," has also been changed. The Newsletter will now be known as "Michigan IT Lawyer." Matthew Jakubowski resigned as the newsletter Editor and was replaced with Michael Gallo and Brian Hall as Co-Editors. The first edition is expected at the end of July, and the newsletter is expected to be published with greater frequency than it has in the past.

This year saw a joint publication effort between our Section and the Litigation Section, the result of which was a terrific IT Law themed Litigation Section newsletter,

complimentary copies of which the members of this Section were provided. The Information Technology Law Section hopes to participate in additional similar joint projects in the future.

The Section also hopes to begin distributing a quarterly e-newsletter sometime this year.

2007-08 Section Meetings:

September 19, 2007 during the Annual Meeting at Palazzo di Bocce in Auburn Hills

November 6, 2007 at Sweet Lorraine's in Southfield.

January 29, 2008 at Cooley Law School, Auburn Hills

April 1, 2008 at Wayne State Law School, Detroit

Summer 2008 Council meeting TBD

Annual Meeting planned for September 17, 2008 in conjunction with State Bar's Annual Meeting in Dearborn

2007-08 Events/Seminars:

Past Events

2007 Annual Meeting (including bocce ball and dinner), September 19, 2007

Presentation on "Do Real-World Laws Apply in Virtual Reality? -- Emerging Legal Issues in Second Life and other Virtual Worlds" given by Kimberly A. Paulson during January 29th meeting

Presentation on "Copyrights and Trademarks on the Internet" given by Derek Bambauer during April 1st meeting

Annual Spring Networking Event, happy hour at The Dirty Martini (including raffle and Second City show), May 22, 2008

Upcoming Events

2008 Annual Meeting, September 17, 2008

Presentation: "The Practice of Information Technology Law"

An overview of the different aspects of practicing information technology law.

Speakers: Jacqueline Allen, General Motors Legal Staff, Detroit

Jeremy Bisdorf, Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss PC, Southfield
Steven Tupper, Dykema Gossett PLLC, Bloomfield Hills
Moderator: Anthony Targan, ProQuest, Ann Arbor

2008 Information Technology Law Section/ICLE seminar, October 29, 2008
“Information Technology Law: What Every Lawyer Should Know”

For details of the seminar, including registration information, see

http://www.icle.org/seminars/seminar_schedule.cfm?PRODUCT_CODE=2008CI771
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Financial Report: The Section continues to operate with a surplus. The Section is planning exciting new activities and events made possible by the extra funds, always with an eye toward providing Section members with additional benefits. The upcoming ICLE seminar is an example.

Future Goals and Activities: The Section anticipates publishing its newsletter more frequently and is hoping to add a quarterly e-newsletter. The Section also anticipates continuing to provide more substantive programming for its members. Another goal of the Section is to increase efforts to promote the Section among Bar members and educate them about who our members are and what we do.