

Computer Law Section
Annual Report – 2006

The Computer Law Section enjoyed a very active year during 2005-2006. The council approved a proposal at its March meeting to change the name of the section to the Information Technology Section. The name change will be voted upon by the general membership of the section at the section's annual meeting in September. The council held several meetings throughout the year with guest speakers on various computer law related topics. Meeting minutes are available via the section's website.

The first meeting of the year was held on November 9th at the law offices of Brooks and Kushman in Southfield. Our guest speaker was Phil Bertolini from Oakland County. Phil gave our section an update on the “Wireless Oakland” project.

Steve Tupper was the guest speaker at the section's second council meeting on January 25th at the law offices of Dykema Gossett in Bloomfield Hills. Steve gave the section an informative lesson in creating podcasts. Steve is currently the vice-chair of the section.

The third meeting of the council was held on March 15th at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. We were very fortunate to have Matt Roush, WWJ Radio technology editor and editor of the Great Lakes IT Report to give the section a “Michigan Technology Update.”

On May 10th, Nanette Poulios, Director of Walsh College's Information Assurance Center, spoke on the timely topic of “Metadata”. The council meeting was held at the Troy campus of Walsh College.

On May 24th, the section held a networking event at the Dirty Martini Lounge in Novi. The event was well attended and all had a nice time indulging in drinks, appetizers and mingling, with several members capping off the night with a comedy show at the Second City. Kim Paulson, Anthony Targan and Jeremy Bisdorf worked hard on this very successful event.

During the summer, several members of the section will read and judge the papers submitted to the section's Edward F. Langs writing competition. The winners will be announced at the section's annual meeting in September.

The Computer Law Section will hold its annual meeting this year in September at the Links at Pinewood in Walled Lake for an afternoon of golf followed by dinner and a yet-to-be-announced guest speaker or panel of speakers. The section will take a vote on changing the name of the section from the Computer Law Section to the Information Technology Section. Announcements for the meeting will be distributed in August.

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