

The theme of this month's *Bar Journal* is Information Technology Law. The variety of the articles illustrates that information technology law

Information Technology

(IT law) now encompasses a number of legal specialties. Is IT law about arbitration (*Arbitrating Technology Cases*) or about patents (*Finding the Balance*)? Does it concern contracts (*Electronic Records and Signatures*) or jurisdiction (*Who's in Charge*)? Or does it involve Internet domain name rights (*A Domain of Their Own*)?

The reality is that information technology law has expanded along with the pervasiveness of the computer. Just as most lawyers now have computers on their desks, IT law now touches on the substantive law that most attorneys practice. Whether attorneys practice business law, criminal law, tax law, or intellectual property law, clients need advice on IT law.

As the interest in IT law has grown, so has the scope of the Computer Law Section of the Bar. The section now has over 400 members, who are private practitioners, in-house corporate counsel, criminal lawyers, law professors, and others. The section's recent program topics range from UCITA, to financing start-ups, to security on the Web.

The present theme issue is more evidence of the section's activities. Our past Chair Michael S. Khoury, along with Chair-elect Jeffrey Raphelson and Janet Ziulkowski have assembled the articles. They worked with Candace Elliott Person of the *Bar Journal* Advisory Board to compile an impressive collection of articles. Indeed, they gathered so many that there was not enough space in this issue to publish them all. Therefore, the articles on the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA), the Michigan Cyber Court proposal, and Electronic Communications Policies are expected to appear in future editions of the *Bar Journal*. The authors of all the articles deserve our sincere thanks.

If the present issue of the *Bar Journal* piques your interest, please consider becoming an active member of the Computer Law Section and join us as we explore the exciting and dynamic field of information technology law.

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