

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
2009-2010 ANNUAL REPORT – IT LAW SECTION**

**Bar Year:** 2009-2010

**Section Name:** Information Technology Law Section

**Mission Statement:**

The purposes of the Section are 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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***Council Meeting Schedule:***

2009 Annual Meeting  
September 17, 2009  
Hyatt Regency (Dearborn)

Council Meeting  
November 12, 2009  
Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer & Weiss (Southfield)

Council Meeting  
February 18, 2010  
Cooley Law School (Ann Arbor)

2010 Annual Meeting and ICLE Annual IT Law Institute  
September 22, 2010  
Inn at St. John's (Plymouth)

**General Budget Information:**

The Section continues to operate with a surplus. The Section continues to sponsor events such as the ICLE seminar that could require the Section to access the surplus. The Section has offered free membership to students and lawyers during their first three years of membership in the Bar.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Annual Meeting Presentation  
Cloud Computing  
September 17, 2009  
Hyatt Regency (Dearborn)

Seminar  
Software Escrow Agreements  
February 18, 2010  
Cooley Law School (Ann Arbor)

Spring Networking Event  
Joint event with DetroitNET/Network Michigan  
April 15, 2010  
The Post Bar (Novi)

ICLE Annual IT Law Institute  
Current Issues in Information Technology Law  
September 22, 2010  
Inn at St. John's (Plymouth)

**Legislative issues:**

The Section did not take a formal position on any legislative issues in 2009-2010, but elected to provide recommendations only in opposition to a direct amendment to the Michigan Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (HB 5468).

**Recommendations for next Council:**

Recommendations for the next Council are as follows:

- (a) continue to sustain the increased publication schedules for the two newsletters;
- (b) continue to hold an annual IT law seminar with ICLE, even if the tough economic times result in the event losing money;
- (c) continue outreach efforts to law students, but do so within the framework of traditional Section activities (i.e. law student participation is not particularly reliable, so it is not worth it in most instances for the Section to bend over backwards and tailor specific events for law students);
- (d) continue to include substantive presentations at Council meetings whenever possible;
- (e) improve relationships with Sections that hold successful events, such as for example the Business Law Section;
- (f) find new ways to solicit feedback from Section members, and to encourage members to submit writings for Section publications; and
- (g) facilitate recruitment/job search activities for employers and employees with respect to job postings, particularly with respect to job postings involving the practice of IT law; and
- (h) amend the Section's Bylaws to streamline the process for taking positions on pending legislation.

## **Section Publications:**

In addition to the publication of the longstanding *Michigan IT Lawyer* newsletter and the Section's *e-newsletter*, the Section opened a Facebook page that can be updated with current and interesting information in short order. Further, the Section has provided a small biography piece on a new council member in each edition in the hopes of facilitating better interaction among our members.