

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
2010-2011 ANNUAL REPORT – IT LAW SECTION**

**Bar Year:** 2010-2011

**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:**

2010 Annual Meeting and ICLE 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual IT Law Institute  
September 22, 2010  
Inn at St. John's (Plymouth)

Council Meeting  
November 15, 2010  
Dykema Gossett PLLC (Bloomfield Hills)

Council Meeting  
March 10, 2011  
Wayne State University Law School (Detroit)

2011 Annual Meeting and ICLE 4<sup>th</sup> Annual IT Law Institute  
September 21, 2011  
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 IT Law Institute and the Spring Networking Event that could require the Section to access the surplus.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

ICLE 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual IT Law Institute  
September 22, 2010  
Inn at St. John's (Plymouth)

Seminar  
Net Neutrality  
Professor John Rothchild  
March 10, 2011  
Wayne State University Law School (Detroit)

Spring Networking Event  
Joint event with DetroitNet.org  
April 21, 2011  
The Post Bar (Novi)

ICLE 4<sup>th</sup> Annual IT Law Institute  
September 21, 2011  
Inn at St. John's (Plymouth)

**Publications:**

IT- Themed Issue of *State Bar Journal*

July 2011

*Michigan IT Lawyer* newsletter  
Bi-monthly

*IT Law Section e-newsletter*  
Bi-monthly

**Legislative issues:**

The Section did not take a position on any legislative issues in 2010-2011.

**Recommendations for next Council:**

Recommendations for the next Council are as follows:

- (a) continue to sustain the publication schedules for the two newsletters;
- (b) continue to hold an annual IT law seminar with ICLE;
- (c) continue to include substantive presentations at Council meetings whenever possible;
- (d) improve relationships with Sections that hold successful events, such as for example the Business Law Section;
- (e) find new ways to solicit feedback from Section members, and to encourage members to submit writings for Section publications;
- (f) 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;
- (g) increase use of social media, including the Section's Facebook page and LinkedIn group; and
- (h) 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 probably not worthwhile for the Section to tailor specific events for law students);

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