

Technology & Intellectual Property Law Section Report 2012-2013

We have been asked to provide an annual report in respect of the activities of the Manitoba Bar Association's (MBA) Technology and Intellectual Property Law Section for the 2012 - 2013 (the Tech & IP Section) programming year.

This year, the Section has conducted the following events:

1. On October 18, 2012, Michael Jason of Richardson International Ltd., presented "The SCC and Copyright - Five New Decisions";
2. On December 6, 2012, Jason Gisser of Aikins Law, presented "Protecting Sound: The Intellectual Property in Music and other Sounds";
3. On February 13, 2013, John Martens and Jim Ferguson, both of Aikins Law, presented "Are You Meeting Your Confidentiality Obligations?" (Joint meeting with CCCA Section); and
4. On April 9, 2013, Steven Raber of Fillmore Riley LLP, presented "Mediation in the Context of Intellectual Property".

On September 15, 2012, Cheryl Jason of Manitoba eHealth, Co-Chair of the Tech & IP Section represented the Section at the National Privacy Law Section Meeting in Ottawa. Cheryl reported to the National Privacy Law Section on the events held and future events planned by the Tech and IP Section for the programming year.

On May 24, 2013, Adam Herstein of Pitblado Law, Co-Chair of the Tech & IP Section, represented the Tech and IP Section at the National Intellectual Property Law Section Meeting in Ottawa. Adam reported to the National Intellectual Property Law Section on the events held by the Tech & IP Section during this past programming year.

On June 13, 2013, the Section will be welcoming Michael Jason of Richardson International Ltd., Silvia de Sousa of Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP, Brian Bowman of Pitblado Law and, Adam Herstein of Pitblado Law to provide updates from the past year in the areas of copyright law, trademark law, privacy law and information technology law, respectively. In addition, at the same meeting, we will be electing our executive for the coming 2012 - 2013 programming year.

We invite others to consider joining this group, even if their main practice area is not technology, intellectual property or privacy law, and particularly, if it is.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Jason and Adam Herstein, Co-Chairs