

Technology & Intellectual Property Law Section Report -2011-2012

I 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 2011 - 2012 programming year.

This year, the Section has conducted the following events:

1. On October 19, 2011, Silvia de Sousa of Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP, presented "Electronic Signatures: What you need to know".
2. On January 20, 2012, Allister Gunson of Manitoba eHealth, Leslie Gergely of IBM Canada and Michael Legary of Seccuris, participated in a panel discussion moderated by me, Adam Herstein, at the MBA's 2012 Mid-Winter, on "Cloud Computing – What's behind the Fog Bank"; and
3. On May 15, 2012, Professor Michael Geist, Canada Research Chair in the Internet and E-Commerce Law at the University of Ottawa presented "Canada's Copyright Forest Fought Back".

On June 13, 2012, the Section welcomed 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 elected our executive for the coming 2012 - 2013 programming year.

I 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,
Adam Herstein, Chair