

Technology & Intellectual Property Law Section Report -2010-2011

I have been asked to provide an annual report in respect of the activities of the Manitoba Bar Association's Technology and Intellectual Property Law Section for the 2010 - 2011 programming year.

This year, the Section has conducted the following events:

1. On October 19, 2010 (joint meeting with the Civil Litigation Section), the Hon. Justice Roger T. Hughes of Federal Court of Canada and John Myers of Taylor McCaffrey LLP and Member of IP Users Committee of the Federal Court, presented on "Recent Changes to Practices, Procedures and Rules of the Federal Court of Canada";
2. On November 16, 2010, Michael Jason of Richardson International Ltd. and Silvia de Sousa of Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP, presented "IP Due Diligence: Reviewing Intellectual Property Assets and Businesses?";
3. On February 8, 2011, Andrew Buck of Pitblado LLP, presented "Lock Down: Bill C-32 and the New Copyright Law Regime";
4. On April 18, 2011 (joint meeting with Civil Litigation Section), Susan Wortzman of Wortzman Nickle PC and John Myers of Taylor McCaffrey LLP, presented "Primer on Records Management and e-Discovery"; and
5. On May 25, 2011 (joint meeting with Corporate (In-House) Counsel Section), Brian Bowman and Adam Herstein, both of Pitblado LLP, presented "Cloud Computing – Puffy, White or Stormy – What kind of cloud is your company entering?".

On June 14, 2011, the Section welcomed Michael Jason of Richardson International Ltd., John Myers of Taylor McCaffrey LLP, Brian Bowman of Pitblado LLP and Adam Herstein of Pitblado LLP 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 2011 - 2012 programming year.

This year's programs have allowed for some very thoughtful discussion among those Section members in attendance.

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