

Technology & Intellectual Property Law Section Report 2013-14

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 (the "Tech & IP Section") for the 2013 - 2014 programming year.

This year, the Tech & IP Section has conducted the following events:

1. On December 12, 2013, Monique St. Germain, General Counsel for the Canadian Centre for Child Protection presented on the "Canadian Centre for Child Protection";
2. On January 24, 2014, Brian Bowman of Pitblado Law, Brandi Field of Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP and Andre Leduc of Industry Canada presented a panel discussion on "The New Canada Anti-Spam Law (CASL): What You, Your Employer and Clients Need to Know";
3. On March 20, 2014, Allister Gunson of Manitoba eHealth, presented "BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) – How to Manage the Risks"; and
4. On May 20, 2014, Melanie R. Bueckert of the University of Manitoba Faculty of Law presented "Employee Monitoring: Updates on the Law of Electronic Employee Monitoring in Canada".

On September 27, 2013, 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.

The Tech and IP Section also supported the coaching and training of the University of Manitoba moot court team in their participation in the Harold G. Fox Intellectual Property Law Moot held in Toronto. Members of the Section generously donated their time to act as judges and provide valuable insight and advice to the students of the team.

On June 20, 2014, the Section welcomed Brandi Field of Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP, Kelsey Desjardine of Pitblado Law, Jason Gisser of the University of Manitoba Faculty Association and Cheryl Jason of Manitoba eHealth 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 positions for the coming 2014-2015 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