

# **Legal Technology and E-Discovery Committee**

2010-2011 Year-End Report

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1. New Name and Restatement of Purpose: After much Committee member discussion, it was decided that changing the Committee's name from Technology Utilization Committee to Legal Technology and E-Discovery would be more reflective of the Committee's work and the potential in-terest of ACBA members. A copy of the proposed Renaming and Restatement of Functions and Du-ties was submitted to the ACBA Board of Directors in December 2010, a copy of which is attached. The ACBA Board approved our request in January 2011, and it was announced via an article in the *Lawyers Journal*.

2. Craig Ball Managing Partner Breakfast and CLE: At our invitation, nationally recognized computer forensic and e-discovery expert and lawyer, Craig Ball spoke at the April 20, 2011 Managing Partners' Committee Breakfast meeting on the issues facing lawyers/managing partners with electronic discovery. Immediately following the Breakfast, Craig gave a 90 minute CLE to approximately 60 law-yers, judges and clerks on "*Nerdy Things Lawyer Need to Know About E-Discovery*." One member of the Federal bench reported that it was the best CLE on E-Discovery she had ever attended. The Manag-ing Partners' Breakfast and CLE were co-sponsored by our Committee, Babst Calland and bit-x-bit.

3. Protecting Disclosure of Confidential Information via P-to-P File Sharing CLE: As you may recall, we planned and publicized a CLE with Tiversa and Ansys a CLE program at the Rivers Club on November 17, 2010. Unfortunately, despite significant effort by the program speakers, we had to can-cel the program because we had less than five individuals interested in taking the CLE.

4. e-Tech: With permission of the North Carolina Bar Association, and after Committee re-view, we re-publish and post on the ACBA website "e-Tech" which covers various technology-related issues such as a comparison of the iPad and notebook computer and new Gmail features.

5. Committee Meetings and Attendance: Over the past year, we held regularly monthly Committee meetings the second Tuesday of the month at the ACBA's offices. In advance of the meet-ing we distribute minutes and an agenda for the upcoming meeting to all Committee members. Inter-est in the Committee has risen over the past year, with a number of attorneys regularly attending our meetings and contributing to the work of the Committee. We took a break in July and August and will resume our regular monthly meetings in September.

6. E-Discovery Symposium—March 16, 2012: We are planning a four hour E-Discovery Sym-posium with six different panels for 2012 on a variety of e-discovery topics. We have obtained the commitment of nearly all of the presenters as well as judges on the state and federal courts for specific panels, and a "View form the Bench: Roundtable Discussion." Attached is a copy of the current Over-view of the Program. Beginning in the fall, the Committee and panel members will begin finalizing the program and begin working on the written materials.