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Chair's Message

By Stephen S. Wu, Section Chair February 2011

The Section of Science & Technology Law stands at the threshold of great change. The first part of the 2010-2011 bar year saw the Section participate in efforts to make fundamental changes in the way the ABA operates, communicates with members, and markets itself to prospective members and the outside world, while sharing customized career and business development resources with its members. The ABA is in transition to reinvent itself to show its value to the bar and the public.

The first key result of these efforts is the new [ABA website](#), which the association launched on February 1st, 2011. I encourage you to visit the [new Section homepage](#) on the site. Peter Gillespie, Vice Chair of the E-Privacy Law Committee, and I participated in a group of lawyer members overseeing development of the website along with staff and advertising firm Ogilvy & Mather. In addition to the website, the Section's officers, staff, and members continue to participate in and monitor a number of efforts on the part of the ABA to enhance member value, and improve the way the association serves and communicates with you, our members. We are confident that the efforts exerted today will bear fruit in upcoming years and decades.

As the economy begins to recover from the deepest recession since the Great Depression, the Section is here to help you with what may be for you the most pressing concern in your practice: career and business development. Whether you are looking for a job to move laterally or to begin your career, or whether you are looking to build your book of business, the Section is putting together new content to assist in your efforts to advance your careers.

While Section members face great career challenges, the Section draws on a wellspring of talented members to help you. Thus, it is with great pleasure that I announce a new initiative spearheaded by Section Secretary Julie Fleming Brown to deliver to you new career and business development content and tools. Julie's career focuses on providing business and career development coaching to attorneys. Consequently, the Section is extremely fortunate to have such a talented expert in these areas as one of its officers, at a time when Section members and indeed the entire bar could benefit greatly from her advice and resources to prosper in the wake of the recession.

The Section will deliver articles on career and business development through its [homepage](#). Links to the articles appear in a new professional development box in the bottom right corner of the page. New articles will be posted every couple of weeks. The Section homepage also links to the member benefit teleconference [The SciTech Edge: Career and Business Development at the Intersection of Law, Science, & Technology](#) held on February 22nd for those unable to participate in the live session. The Section is also pleased to share its [Career and Business Development](#) guide by practice type. You will have another excellent career and business development opportunity upcoming this year in the form of in-person networking at the [ABA Annual Meeting](#) in Toronto, August 4th-August 6th.

The ABA Annual Meeting will host over 250 CLE Plenary Sessions, the world's largest legal expo, and invaluable opportunities to network with lawyers and judges from around the world. You can save \$145 by purchasing an all-access badge at an early-registration rate of \$450 before May 29th. The all-access badge will give you access to every CLE program at the Annual Meeting. The Section is proud to present five CLE programs, which range from the practical to the visionary. These programs promise to be both informative and thought-provoking.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as your Chair during the first half of this bar year. I hope to meet many of you at the [ABA Annual Meeting](#) in Toronto. I encourage you to click [here](#) to learn more

about the [meeting](#) and the [Section's programming](#). I look forward to working with all of you in the remainder of this bar year, and after my time as Chair has ended in August when I pass the gavel on to Chair-Elect Eric Drogin at the ABA Annual Meeting.

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