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Message from the Chair

Welcome to the summer, cyberspace lawyers. Keep an eye on the website and this space because over the summer we expect to be starting a new book project and will need all the serious volunteers we can find to write chapters or parts of chapters for our new publication. Topics and leaders to be discussed and described soon. We will make an announcement on the listserv.

We are officially set to hold the Cyberspace Law Committee's Winter Working Meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, January 29-30. We'll have content meetings and CLE at the brand new conference center that Dean Jon Garon has built in the Nova College of Law, and hotel at the beach with shuttles in between. We are also thinking about supplementing the meeting with a half-day Enterprise Resilience Workshop, to focus on the next important topic in data security. Please let me know your thoughts on the possibility of this workshop and how it fits into the Committee's mission.

Committee leadership just proposed a fistful of CLE panels for theABA Business Law Section Annual Meeting in Chicago this September, and a group of others we will co-sponsor. Chicago should turn out to be an excellent meeting with cutting edge presentations. We will have a special Chicago-based speaker at the Committee Meeting -- Michael Heilmann, Executive Vice President, Wi-Tronix, LLC, who will talk about his company's digital, Internet-based train management system which can be used to prevent accidents like the recent Amtrak crash in Philadelphia. Wi-Tronix is a perfect illustration of how the Internet of Things can change the way that our old-school industries operate and grow, marrying the cyber world with the industrial world.

If you weren't able to join the Cyberspace Law Committee-sponsored Business Basics webinar on the nuts and bolts of data privacy law, we will likely offer other webinars in the coming months. The "Nuts and Bolts" webinar, organized brilliantly by past Committee chair Jon Rubens, hosted more than 500 attendees and spawned some terrific privacy conversations. We are considering webinars on the law surrounding social media and on an introduction to data analytics, so let me know if you are interested in participating in any of these topics.

Stay tuned. We plan to be very active this summer and we would love your participation.

Ted Claypoole, Chair

Content Free to Business Law Section Members

The Business Law Section has launched a new biweekly post called Content Corner. This benefit-free to all BLS members will highlight and discuss Section content. While content is produced throughout the year, there are times when a large amount comes out all at once. One of these times was in the window before the Section's Spring Meeting. From April 1-15, nine committee newsletters (including one from the Cyberspace Committee, of course), three webinars, and the Spring Edition of The Business Lawyer were released. All of this material is free to Section members, although some of the newsletters will require free committee-specific membership to access. Check out the new material here, which will be updated regularly.
Business Law Section 2015 Annual Meeting

September 17-19, 2015 - Chicago, Illinois

Registration is open for the 2015 BLS Annual Meeting to be held in Chicago on September 17-19. The Cyberspace Law Committee will have a full day of committee/subcommittee meetings and expects to present several CLE programs. The full program schedule should be released in mid-June. Register now for discounted rates. We will have information out soon on our committee dinner, which is planned for Thursday, September 17, and will again be a joint affair with other committees. We hope to see you in Chicago!

A Primer about Online Privacy and Data Security

On May 28, the Cyberspace Law Committee presented a webinar to more than 500 attorneys on "Online Privacy & Data Security Soup to Nuts: A Primer and Update on Important Developments for the Business Lawyer." Four of the committee's leaders shared an overview of the most important U.S. federal privacy and data security laws and regulations, the development of similar laws and regulations in various states, and an overview of Canadian national and provincial regulations. The program additionally touched briefly on the EU privacy directive and related laws and regulations. Jon Rubens of Javid Rubens served as moderator of the program. Presenters were Richard Balough of Balough Law Offices, Ted Claypoole of Womble Carlyle, and Lisa R. Lifshitz of Torkin Manes. The panelists also offered some recommended best practices for business attorneys as they help clients address data security and privacy protection. This program launched what is expected to be a series of Business Law Basics free CLE webinars.

Committee Doings

From the Non-US Cyber Laws Task Force
Chair Robert Bond

The Non US Cyber Laws Task Force met in San Francisco to review the collation of "Gotcha" laws - foreign cyber laws that have extra territorial impact on US businesses. The Task Force has decided to focus on EU, Canada and other key jurisdictions including Russia, Japan and southeast Asia, and is working on producing an analysis of the laws and regulations and perhaps an online toolkit or app.

We are looking for volunteers to help complete the analysis work. If you are interested, please email Robert (robert.bond@crsblaw.com).

From the International Trade Subcommittee
Co-chairs Hal Burman and John Gregory

The International Trade Subcommittee has held two conference calls since the Spring Meeting, both in collaboration with selected members of the Science and Technology Section. The calls further reviewed a Russian proposal to UNE/CEFACT for trust certifying authorities, and the working papers before the May meeting of UNCITRAL on electronic transferable records.

Several members of the Subcommittee attended a symposium presented by the State Department in late May on identity management as a possible subject for future work at UNCITRAL. The Subcommittee will hold two further conference calls in late June/early July, one on the UNCITRAL future work question and one to continue the examination of the Russian proposal on trust certifying authorities. Notices of the calls will be circulated via the Subcommittee's mailing list.
Member News

Sarah Jane Hughes has been interviewed by Law360 and the American Banker on a variety of e-payments topics, including the AML enforcement actions against Ripple and PayPal and the prospect for additional AML and economic-sanctions investigations or prosecutions of cryptocurrency market participants. No one has yet asked her opinion of the life sentence on Ross Ulricht, founder of Silk Road, imposed by the district court in the Southern District of New York in May.

Robert Bond recently wrote on Whatsapp privacy and the European Data Protection Supervisor's recent speech on Big Data. The articles are available from Robert at robert.bond@crsblaw.com.

Other Programs of Interest

Steering Your Firm Through the Fog of the "Cloud": How to Navigate Before You are Navigated
June 15, 2015
Location: N/A
Format: Webinar

Have E-Commerce Patents Been Effectively Eliminated from Patentable Subject Matter?
June 16, 2015
Location: N/A
Format: Webinar

HIPAA and HITECH Act Fundamentals
June 18, 2015
Location: N/A
Format: Webinar

Understanding Drones: Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and State and Federal Privacy and Safety Regulation
June 22, 2015
Location: N/A
Format: Webinar
Note: speakers include Newsletter Editor Lois Mermelstein

Recent Developments On Cyber and Physical Security Issues for Utilities
June 23, 2015
Location: N/A
Format: Webinar

Bitcoin and other Digital Currencies: Emerging Issues in Regulation and Enforcement
June 26, 2015
Location: Washington, DC
Format: In-person Conference

A Note from the Editor

In addition to reporting on the committee's work and what its members are up to, we'd like the newsletter to include articles on topics of interest to members. Articles should be 250-500 words, timely, and original content not already published elsewhere (including on your firm's website). To submit an article or ask questions, please contact the editor, Lois Mermelstein.