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Officers of the Section elected for the 2015-2016 term will be:

Co-Chair: William R. Denny
Co-Chair: James D. Heisman
Vice-Chair: James Levine
Secretary/Treasurer: Bruce McCullough

The Section has scheduled a CLE program entitled “Managing E-Discovery Effectively: Meeting the Expectations of Your Clients and the Court,” for October 15, 2015. The seminar is expected to include a panel discussion with The Honorable Christopher Burke of the United States District Court, The Honorable Travis Laster of the Court of Chancery and The Honorable Jan Jurden of the Superior Court. The topics will include (1) a survey of e-discovery practice issues and recent developments; (2) finding the right balance: lawyer, vendor and client roles in the e-discovery process; and (3) judicial perspectives on attorneys’ ethical obligations to the Court and their clients.

The Section has updated its web page on the DSBA web site to reference links to the electronic discovery standards of the Court of Chancery, the Superior Court and the United States District Court. The Section sponsors a monthly column in The Journal entitled “Tips on Technology.” In addition, volunteers are working on an article for publication in the Delaware Law Review. Section members have also been involved in the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Evidence, drafting a state counterpart to F.R.E. 502 on waiver of privilege.

The Section will continue its efforts to with other DSBA Sections to offer an e-discovery component to their Section meetings. This will generate cross-over interest and help to education members of the Bar about e-discovery issues. This past year included the presentation of an e-discovery update to the Labor and Employment Law Section.

For the upcoming year, the Section is planning to continue to focus on e-discovery issues, but to also explore the influence of new technology and the practice of law including use by law firms of knowledge management systems, and data security and privacy. We will be holding quarterly meetings online, at which we plan to review recent developments in the law and plan Section activities.

Respectfully submitted,
William R. Denny