

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
E-DISCOVERY AND TECHNOLOGY LAW SECTION
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Officers

Officers of the Section elected for the 2018-2019 term will be:

Chair: James H.S. Levine
Vice-Chair: Sara Beth A.R. Kohut
Secretary/Treasurer: Bruce W. McCullough

Meetings

In 2017-18, the Section held quarterly meetings in July, October, and January, and its annual meeting in April. At each meeting, the members discussed recent developments in e-discovery and technology law. Future quarterly meetings have been tentatively set for July and October 2018, and January and April 2019.

CLE

The Section sponsored three CLE programs during the year. On November 14, 2017, a three-hour CLE entitled “Recent Developments in Data Security and E-Discovery” was held at the DSBA’s offices. Two panels discussed topics including recent developments in data security and e-discovery, including recent cases and rule changes, and ethical considerations raised by such developments.

On April 17, 2018, the Section sponsored a three-hour CLE entitled “Blockchain Technology for Lawyers 2018,” which featured three panels, including (1) a discussion of blockchain technology and the Delaware blockchain amendments, (2) the current and future uses of smart contracts, and (3) a discussion of token offerings, crypto-currency, and regulatory and case law updates.

On April 25, 2018, the Section co-sponsored (with the International Law Section) a one-hour lunchtime panel entitled “E-Discovery Update: The Impact of New International Privacy Laws on Your Discovery Practice.” The panelists discussed various international law considerations and their impact on international discovery, notably enforcement of the General Data Protection Regulation (or “GDPR”), which took effect in May, and provided ethical considerations for attorneys practicing in matters involving private international law.

The Section has begun planning two CLEs for 2018-2019 – a three-hour seminar for fall 2018 on privacy, including GDPR, data breaches, and potential new privacy legislation, and a seminar for spring 2019 (length TBD). Possible topics include criminal e-discovery, personal privacy, blockchain technology/crypto-currency, and broader cybersecurity issues.

Communications and Publications

The Section continues to update its web page on the DSBA website with a current list of officers, a list of scheduled meetings, and recent meeting minutes. The web page includes links to the electronic discovery standards of the Court of Chancery, the Superior Court and the United States District Court. Other relevant links will be added, reviewed and updated as needed. The Section sponsors a monthly column in The Journal entitled "Tips on Technology." In addition, the Section anticipates submitting a Section profile for an upcoming issue of the *DSBA Journal*.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. S. Levine