

8:00 – 9:00

Best of ABA TECHSHOW TRACK – 60 Technology Tips in 60 Mins (ABA1)

Speakers: Dan Pinnington, Catherine Sanders Reach, Reid Trautz, Nerino Petro

Every truly competent lawyer must be a competent technology user. This fast-paced session will present the latest and greatest in technology tips, covering software and hardware, gadgets, the Web, and practice management software. There is no better place to learn dozens of ways technology can help you get things done better, faster, and cheaper.

Technical level: □

SOLO AND SMALL FIRM TRACK (SSF) - ROOM 1

BEST OF ABA TECSHOW TRACK (ABA) - ROOM 2

THE BC TRACK (BCT) - ROOM 3

9:15 – 10:15

The Wired (small) Law Office: Amicus Attorney, Time Matters, PCLaw and more! (SSF1)

Speakers: Adriana Linares, Ross Kodner, Nicole Garton-Jones

Solos and smaller firms both face resource limitations and opportunities. We explore the current affordable ‘sweet spot’ of hardware and software that can help solos and smaller firms ‘level the playing field’ and become a lean, mean competitive fighting machine. Solos and small firms stand to benefit most from the latest trend in practice management – the convergence of legal accounting programs with practice management, document management, email, document generation and much more right onto the lawyer’s desktop. This session will explore the benefits of adopting one of these packages and the range of choices that are available. Technical level □

60 Marketing Tips in 60 Mins (ABA2)

Speakers: Michah Buchdahl, Allison Wolf and Ellen Freedman

Marketing is a cornerstone of every successful and growing law practice, yet many lawyers struggle with marketing, and some avoid it altogether. Come to this session for a terrific collection of marketing tips. Learn how you can make marketing a part of every day, assemble and execute marketing plans, build an effective, polished presence on the Web, and create a unique brand for yourself and your firm.

Technical level: □

LTO and e-filing (BC1)

Speakers: Ron Usher, and Darcy Hammett

Electronic Land Title searching and e-filings are now routine – for some lawyers. There are several ways for lawyers to use this technology – either directly or via online search agents. Come and hear how lawyers have benefited from adopting this technology. Come and explore the options, and which solution is best for you.

Technical level: □

10:15 – 10:30

10:30 – 11:30

Doing the Research: slaw.com and Other Legal Research Sites (SSF2)

Speakers: Simon Chester and Catherine Saunders Reach

Legal research on the net – how to do it efficiently and effectively – what are the new research sites, how do you balance them with the paid services and when it pays to use a professional legal researcher.

Technical level: □

An Electronic Evidence and Computer Forensics Primer (ABA3)

Speakers: John Simek, Sharon Nelson Tom O’Connor

New to the electronic evidence arena? Don’t have a clue about computer forensics? Not sure what an MD5 hash is and why it is so critical? Want to learn more about PDF’s, TIFF’s, filters, archived data, recovered data and slack space? This session will cover the basics of evidence in electronic form and help you understand how computer forensics can make or break a case.

Technical level: ◆

e-filing in the Corporate Registry (BC2)

Speakers: Anna Juchs, Christine Hall and Liz Mueller

Conversion to digital filing and records has allows solicitors to lever their investment in technology to the benefit of their practices and their clients. Alf, Ecorp and other systems now simplify the process of maintaining corporate records. Our presenters show the alternatives available to you and the tradeoffs that are inherent in each option.

Technical level: □

11:30 – 11:45

11:45 – 12:45

Bread and Butter: Providing Value in a Commodity Market (SSF3)

Speakers: Blair Janis, Richard Ferguson and Ross Kodner

While some lawyers are able to move into a niche market, for many of us life is all about providing the standard real estate, family, criminal and commercial work that is the backbone of the smaller law practice. We focus specifically on the technology, tools and systems that can help you maximize the value that you bring to your clients and increase your profitability.

Technical level: □

PDF: The latest tricks and techniques (ABA4)

Speakers: David Masters, Ron Usher and Tom Mighell

Adobe Acrobat’s PDF format has become the universal document exchange standard. But this now raises new questions – how do you move seamlessly between a PDF document and an editable Text document? What are the new features in Adobe Acrobat? This session will explore the latest features and how Word and WordPerfect can import and export PDF documents for editing purposes for seamless work flow.

Technical level: ◆

The New “Electronic Evidence” Practice Direction in BC (BC3)

Speakers: Mr. Justice Harvey Groberman, Jeff Scouten, Kimberly Kuntz

“Guidelines for the Use of Technology in any Civil Litigation Matter” – are here. This session will explore the practical realities of dealing with this new directive and how it will work in the context of your office technology. Come to this session to find out the implications of these changes on your practice!

Technical level: ◆

12:45 – 1:40

Lunch – Keynote: The Future: The time has come! How technology will continue to reshape the practice of law... hang on the best/worst is yet to come! How technology contributes to the compression of time, the reduction of costs and disintermediation and what this means to the future of law practice – Past and Present ABA TECHSHOW Chairs Presentation (ABA5)

Speakers: Sharon Nelson, Dan Pinnington, Simon Chester, Jeff Flax, Jim Calloway, Mark Tamminga, and Dave Bilinsky

Program at a glance P.M.

Dr. John Izzo, author, community leader and inspiring speaker will be the keynote speaker at the opening address THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2006. All PLTC registrants are invited to attend.

FINANCES, MARKETING AND MOBILITY TRACK (FMM) - ROOM 1

TECHNOLOGY FOR CYNICS TRACK (TC) - ROOM 2

TECHNOLOGY FOR SETTLEMENT TRACK (TFS) - ROOM 3

1:40 – 2:40

Accounting, Case Management and Your Goals (FMM1)

Speakers: Debbie Foster, Laura Calloway and Pete Roberts

Practice management software has now been integrated into your accounting system. This allows lawyers who use this software to bring a whole new focus on the goals and directions of their firm and practice. This session will explore how you can benefit by adopting one of these packages and the range of choices that are available.

Technical level:

The Paperless Office: e-Document Management and Retention Issues (TC1)

Speakers: David Masters and Dave Bilinsky

Can't we just PDF all our closed files? How can we archive email? What are the options and the tradeoffs? What should you consider in an electronic document retention policy? What are The Sedona (Canada) principles and what do they mean? This session will explore the legal, ethical and practical issues involved in the electronic retention of documents including what is a document, how to properly segregate and store electronic documents, how to comply with 'litigation holds' and duties owed to current and former clients.

Technical level:

PowerPoint for Powerful Settlements (TFS1)

Speakers: Simon Chester and Dan Pinnington

PowerPoint is not just for courtroom presentations. Done right, a PowerPoint presentation presented at a mediation or as part of a settlement offer can make the difference between settling and going to trial. Come and hear from our experienced trial lawyers who have adopted this technology to their trial practice and reaped the benefits as a result!

Technical level:

2:40 – 2:55

2:55 – 3:55

Working from the Whistler Cabin: Remote Access Technologies (FMM2)

Speakers: Richard Ferguson and Catherine Sanders Reach

Blackberries, Treos, laptops, USB drives, iPods, GoToMyPC etc – how to implement remote access technologies and the ethical and practical implications of so doing. This session will show the range of solutions available to you and how you implement each one – whether you wish to work from home, from the condo or from a south-seas island.

Technical level:

Security and Privacy in an unsecure world (TC2)

Speakers: David Ries, John Simek, Jeff Flax

What are the latest threats to your IT system, and the best technologies to counter them and what other procedures can you take to protect yourself? How should you guard your client's privacy? What are the legal, privacy and ethical rules surrounding the theft or disappearance of a USB thumb-drive, laptop computer or PDA containing client information? Can you ethically store client data on a third-party web site or on-line backup services? This session will explore a lawyer's responsibilities in light of current technologies. Technical level:

Court Services Online – Lessons from the test pilots (TFS2)

Speakers: Andrew Clark, Mike Demers and Roshni Reddy

e-filing in court will be bringing lawyers across a whole new threshold. Our test pilots who have braved the new technology come back to earth and explain how you too can join them in this new reality. Come and see how electronic access may speed up cases, lower costs and perhaps result in faster settlements and trials.

Technical level:

3:55 – 4:05

4:05 – 5:05

60 Finance Tips in 60 Mins (FMM3)

Speakers: Laura Calloway, Dave Bilinsky, Ellen Freedman

The truly successful practice is also a profitable one. This session will move beyond thinking just about billable hours and receipts and will help you better understand the financial health of your practice. Gain a better appreciation of where your money comes from, where it goes, and most importantly, how you can keep more at the end of the day.

Technical level:

Disaster Planning: it can happen here (TC3)

Speakers: J.R. Phelps, Richard Ferguson, Dan Pinnington

Lessons learned from Katrina, 911, SARS and other disasters. What if tomorrow everyone couldn't come to your office (SARS), or your office no longer exists (911) or your clients have disappeared along with your office (Katrina) – how to avoid being disaster road kill and be able to rebuild your systems and your practice with a minimum of loss and disruption.

Technical level:

Technology and the Small Case: Using Computer Technology to Litigate and Settle the Small Case (TFS3)

Speakers: Bill McLeod, Tom O'Connor

The new rules, the new technologies and how the two intersect. Our experts explore how they have integrated technology into their practices specifically with a view to handling smaller cases effectively and efficiently under the new rules pertaining to smaller cases, particularly with a view towards settlement rather than trials.

Technical level:

5:10 – 6:00

60 Sites in 50 Mins (ABA6)

This perennial ABA TECHSHOW favorite offers a rapid-fire presentation of fun and useful websites by three top legal technologists. This session is often ABA TECHSHOW's best-attended and certainly the most entertaining! Technical level:

6:00 – 7:15

Reception in the Exhibit Hall