American Bar Association Section of Science & Technology Law
Committee Work Plan – 2017-2018

Committee projects are vital to the success of the Section, its leaders, and members. Your committee objectives and projects will help SciTech achieve its overarching goals: (1) **Information source on science and technology law**; (2) **Shaping policy**; (3) **Member communication and Section branding** (4) **Membership expansion and diversification** and (5) **Revenue enhancement**.

Please keep this in mind while you complete this committee work plan. If you have any questions, please contact the Section at 312-988-5599. Please submit this work plan to Barbara Mitchell at Barbara.mitchell@americanbar.org and your Division Chair by September 23.

Committee name and leaders:

Open Source Software
Co-Chair: Joanne Montague
Co-Chair: Martha Chemas

Mission statement (i.e., what is the purpose of the committee?):

This committee identifies and analyzes the legal issues raised by commercial development and distribution of products using software and tools licensed under an Open Source model. In particular, the committee serves as a neutral forum for discussion and interpretation of many of the principal variations in open source licenses and potential legal effects of attempting to enforce the terms of these licenses. We take an active interest in open source projects related to information security, but are not limited in any way to any one type of project.

What are the three most important substantive legal issues in the area of law covered by your committee?

1. Discuss legal decisions applicable to open source.
3. Educate members about open source licensing and collaborate in developing answers to questions related to open source licenses.

How will your committee address these issues? *Use additional sheets as needed. Please be creative.:

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<th>Substantive Content Options:</th>
<th>Please identify the issue to be addressed below and committee leader responsible for project.</th>
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<td>CLE Teleconference/Webinar</td>
<td>We are contemplating delivering a teleconference focusing on IOT this term</td>
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<td>Book</td>
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<td><em>The SciTech Lawyer</em> (Section’s quarterly magazine) article</td>
<td>Article by committee member published Summer 2014</td>
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<td><strong>Jurimetrics Journal</strong> article</td>
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<td>ABA Annual Meeting program</td>
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<td>Committee Brown-Bag educational program (not for CLE)</td>
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<td>Stand-alone CLE program (proposed date, etc.)</td>
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<td>Build out website content</td>
<td>Our committee page is regularly updated. Posts include information on upcoming meetings and issues under discussion.</td>
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<td>Active use of list serves</td>
<td>Posts to our list serve address meeting</td>
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announcements; emerging issues, and requests for review and feedback on requests for blanket authority; other information of interest to committee members; and dialog between committee members.

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<td>Call summaries are issued to the list regularly.</td>
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<td>We may write a letter to the editor of The SciTech Lawyer on an emerging issue in OSS.</td>
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**Please explain.**

Monthly or bimonthly Committee Teleconference Meetings have been held since June 2014. An OSS Primer for Lawyers, a presentation on copyright standing for software, a presentation on EU enforcement actions, a presentation on FCC rules for wireless routers, as well as other case updates were provided by members. Information about these teleconferences is available on our committee webpage.

**What other organizations address these issues, which your committee addresses?** (Please especially identity diversity bar associations)

Please identify relevant experts, especially diverse, who may not already be active with your committee. Please be mindful to engage new leaders for projects such as website editors and news update editors to help build your leadership pipeline and delegate work.

Please identify any programs you recommend SciTech co-sponsor. Committees are encouraged to recommend SciTech as a co-sponsor for programs presented by other ABA entities or outside organizations in which you are involved. All requests for co-sponsorship must go through the Program Committee. Please contact staff if you are seeking co-sponsorship, so they can help you through this simple process.

**How many committee members are there? 127**

Please report on your committee’s progress to recruit at least three new Section members, engage them and grow its membership base.

We are conducting outreach to the other bar associations and to students.

Please identify your committee’s diversity and inclusion goals and how they will be measured.

We are conducting outreach to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Bar Association and to students.

**How will you re-purpose committee content?** For example, book chapters may lay the foundation for teleconferences and teleconferences may evolve into book chapters.

Monthly teleconference committee meetings could evolve into brown-bag educational program, which may evolve into a CLE, article, or book chapter. Last year’s presentation on Open Source Adoption rates may be repurposed subject to interest.

**Potential outside funding sources for committee projects:**

**When will your committee meet?** (A combination of free conference calls and a meeting during Midyear and/or Annual Meeting is recommended. (Staff will assist to schedule meetings/calls)

Free conference calls monthly or bi-monthly.
How do you plan to communicate with your committee? (A combination of your committee webpage, list serve and social media is recommended)

Outreach is conducted via the committee webpage and list serv. Call schedule for the upcoming term has been posted to the committee webpage at: http://apps.americanbar.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=ST202009

Please list examples of committee activities and member benefits (weekly blurbs, monthly conference calls, CLE webinars, books, etc.) not already listed above.

Monthly or bi-monthly conference calls
Articles written by members
Dialog on committee list serve

Other ideas:

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