

Social Networking on the Internet & the Law

Session overview

The maturing of internet technology has brought with a host of unresolved legal issues. Chief among these is when, whether and how the law should regulate behavior on social networking sites like Facebook or MySpace. The creation and dissemination of information through social networking raises privacy, intellectual property and other legal issues which have not been (adequately) addressed by legislatures and courts. This talk explores some of these issues and considers what may be done.

Dr. Cameron Hutchison has wide ranging teaching and research interests which, over the past five years, have focused on international and Canadian intellectual property law. Many of his publications can be downloaded at <http://ssrn.com/author=410386>, and include papers related to access to essential medicines, North-South technology transfer and dissemination particularly in connection with climate change technologies, the extra-territorial reach of US patent law particularly in connection with the BlackBerry patent litigation, as well as statutory interpretation and Canadian intellectual property law. Professor Hutchison's work on technology transfer earned him an invitation by the United Nations to present his research to the Beijing High Level Conference on Technology Transfer in anticipation of the 2009 Copenhagen climate change conference. His most recent work concerns judicial interpretation of law as it relates to the internet with a particular emphasis on copyright law. This paper is the first step in a proposed comprehensive empirical analysis of the interpretation of law and the internet in Canadian jurisprudence to be completed over the next couple of years. Professor Hutchison currently teaches the following courses: intellectual property, musicians and the law (advanced copyright), statutory interpretation, internet law, and conflict of laws.

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