Guide to the Computer Law Association records

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Abstract: The Computer Law Association records document the organization from 1982 to 2005. The CLA was created in 1971 to provide a forum for lawyers practicing or interested in computer and telecommunications law to network, share information, and discuss current legal developments related to the high-tech field. It changed its name in 2006 to the International Technology Law Association, or ITechLaw. The collection contains conference materials, books, and periodicals published by the CLA, with the majority of material consisting of proceedings and promotional flyers for CLA-organized conferences and seminars. The collection also contains legal publications that were collected, but not published, by the CLA.

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Biographical/Historical Note
The Computer Law Association (CLA), initially called the Computer Lawyers Group, was founded in 1971 by seven lawyers practicing or interested in computer law. Its purpose was to provide a forum for those in the technology legal field to network, share information, and discuss current legal developments related to computers and telecommunications. They began holding regular meetings on the East Coast, and the organization quickly grew in size. In 1973, the group was incorporated into the nonprofit Computer Law Association. The CLA held several national and international conferences each year, including its annual Computer Law Update (later the World Computer and Internet Law Congress), conducted workshops, and also published periodicals and reports on computer law. As international membership grew, the CLA changed its name in 2006 to the International Technology Law Association, or ITechLaw.

Scope and Content of the Collection
The Computer Law Association records contain conference materials, books, and periodicals published by the CLA and other legal publications collected, but not published, by the CLA. The records date from 1982 to 2005. The majority of the collection consists of proceedings and promotional flyers for CLA-organized conferences and seminars. Three of the CLA’s events that are especially well-documented in this collection are the annual Computer Law Update, Pacific Rim Computer Law Conference, and CyberSpaceCamp. This collection also contains the CLA’s published newsletters, books on computer law, and annually published collections of essays. Newsletters with significant numbers of issues in this collection include the Computer Law Association Bulletin and International Update. Lastly, the CLA records hold journals, books, newsletters, and reports that the CLA collected, but did not publish. Common publications in this part of the collection include the Rutgers Computer and Technology Law Journal, Santa Clara Computer and High Technology Law Journal, and quarterly journals and bulletins published by the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA). Common topics covered throughout the CLA records include legal issues related to the Internet and electronic commerce, comparisons of IT laws and business environments in different regions of the world, strategies for computer law practitioners, and intellectual property legislation relating to software and other forms of technology.

Arrangement
The collection is arranged into 3 series:
Series 1, CLA conferences, 1982-2005
Series 2, CLA books and periodicals, 1986-2005
Series 3, Non-CLA legal publications, 1985-1999

Separated Material
Three CD-ROMS were separated from the main collection. To view catalog records for separated material search the CHM catalog at http://www.computerhistory.org/collections/search/.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Computer networks--Law and legislation
Electronic commerce
Information technology lawyers
International law
International Technology Law Association
ITechLaw

CLA conferences, Series 1, 1982-2005

Series Scope and Content
This series contains conference proceedings, pamphlets, and promotional flyers for the various conferences and seminars organized by the Computer Law Association. For the majority of the CLA’s conferences and seminars, each event was organized and titled under a single theme. Examples of themes include computer software protection, regulation of computer telecommunications, software distribution, intellectual property laws in computing, strategies for computer law practitioners, computer law and business in different areas of the world, and global legal issues related to electronic commerce and the Internet. Aside from these events organized under changing themes, the CLA also held annual conferences that were consistently titled and themed. This series holds material for three of these more consistent events: Computer Law Update, Pacific Rim Computer Law Conference, and CyberSpaceCamp. The conference with the most material in this series is the Computer Law Update, with proceedings documenting its first meeting in 1985 and subsequent proceedings and promotional material for the event dating as late as 2005. The Computer Law Update underwent several name changes during its active years. From 1985 to 1996, it was named Computer Law Update; then, starting in 1995, it became the World Computer Law Congress and Computer & Telecommunications Law Update; and beginning in 2001, its name changed to the World Computer and Internet Law Congress. This series is arranged chronologically, with material for Computer Law Update, Pacific Rim Computer Law Conference, and CyberSpaceCamp grouped into separate chronological runs.

102773936 CLA conferences and seminars, 1981-1982 1982
102773465 Computer Law Update 1985-2005
CLA books and periodicals, Series 2, 1986-2005

Series Scope and Content
This series consists of periodicals and books related to computer law and published by the Computer Law Association from 1986 to 2005. About half of the series is made up of the newsletters Computer Law Association Bulletin and International Update dating from 1986 to 2005. The Bulletin contained updates on CLA business and scholarly articles, while International Update focused on international developments. These two newsletters were combined into one in 1991. This series also includes the CLA Computer Law Companion, an annual collection of essays; collections of internet- and software-related legal forms; guides and books on European, American, and Latin American computer law that are part of the Current Issues Publications Series; and a glossary of computer terminology. This series is arranged alphabetically by folder title.

102773432 CLA computer law companion, The 1993
102773435 Computer law in Latin America 1997
102773434 Computer terminology : judicial and administrative definitions 1993
102773436 European computer law : an introductory guide 1996
102773437 Guide to European data protection and privacy laws for U.S. companies, A 2002
102773433 International update 1986-1990
102773438 Internet and business : a lawyer's guide to the emerging legal issues 1996
102773439 Internet and web related forms collection 1997; 2000
102773440 Software distributorship contracts forms collection 1988
102773441 State sales/use taxation of software : 50 states and District of Columbia 1994

Non-CLA legal publications, Series 3, 1985-1999

Series Scope and Content
This series contains journals, books, newsletters, and reports related to computer and high-tech law issues not published by the Computer Law Association. Material dates from 1985 to 1999. About half of the collection is made up of issues of the Rutgers Computer and Technology Law Journal from 1986 to 1998. Also included are journals from other organizations and institutions, including the University of Houston, American Bar Association, Santa Clara University School of Law, Touro Law Center, American Intellectual Property Law Association, and John Marshall Law School. The rest of this series consists of books and reports on various computer law topics. This series is arranged alphabetically by folder title.

102773442 AIPLA quarterly journal and Bulletin 1994-1995
102773443 American standard handbook of software business law 1985
102773444 Asia's new high-tech competitors : an SRS special report 1995
102773445 Computer law : cases, comments, questions 1992
102773446 Computer law reporter 1999
102773447 Computer technology and the law in Canada 1987
102773448 Droit de l'informatique et des telecommunications 1989
102773449 EDI and American law : a practical guide 1989
102773450 Fair use privilege in copyright law, The 1995
102773451 Guide to insurance coverage for electric and magnetic field litigation, A 1996
102773452 Health data in the information age : use, disclosure, and privacy 1994
102773453 Houston law review 1995
102773454 John Marshall journal of computer and information science 1996
102773455 Jurimetrics journal of law, science and technology 1994
102773457 Quickform contracts 1992
102773456 Realizing the information future : the internet and beyond 1994
102773458 Rutgers computer and technology law journal 1986-1998
102773459 Santa Clara computer and high technology law journal 1989; 1992
102773460 Summary of the law relating to computers in Canada, A 1995
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