

**Women's Bar Association (WBA)
Oakland Region – Lunch & Learn**

“E-Discovery: What you don't know can hurt you”

FRANKLIN, Mich. – January 21, 2010 – Stott Matthews, founder of Spectrum Computer Forensics & Risk Management LLC, together with Carol Romej of Butzel Long presented the Lunch & Learn Panel Discussion “E-Discovery: What you don't know can hurt you” at the Oakland Region Women's Bar Association event at the Iroquois Club.

The panel discussion focused on the various pieces of legislation that have influenced both Michigan Court and Federal rules and the continuing duty to ensure preservation of electronically stored information (ESI). Ms. Romej made a key reference to the Sedona Conference saying that it is a great resource of information pertaining to e-discovery, ESI, and preservation. She indicated that, with PDF files on a range of e-discovery topics available for download (thesedonaconference.org), this resource alone will provide the litigator and paralegal alike with excellent resource materials.

Emphasis also was placed on Zubulake Revisited: six years later (2010 WL 184312 (S.D.N.Y)). Much of the discussion dealt with counsels' duty to preserve documents relevant to the matter at hand. Judge Scheindlin's summed up the state of some parties' attention, or lack thereof, to preservation by stating “once again, I have been compelled to closely review the discovery efforts of parties in a litigation, and once again have found that these efforts were flawed... By now, it should be abundantly clear that the duty to preserve means what it says and that a failure to preserve records - paper or electronic - and to search in the right places for those records, will inevitably result in the spoliation of evidence.”

Matthews recognized the wealth of information available from the Sedona conference. He added, “care must be taken in using these resources. They form a roadmap, but parties must appreciate the complexity of many e-discovery cases. Litigants will often benefit from the assistance of attorneys like Ms. Romej or consultancy firms such as Spectrum, both of whom possess a depth of knowledge and significant experience in this space.”

About Spectrum Computer Forensics & Risk Management

Spectrum is a leader in providing digital-discovery and computer-forensics services, and the risk-mitigation strategies that surround these practice areas. Law firms and corporations rely on Spectrum for the most challenging e-discovery work involving employment, trade secret, intellectual property, and other litigation-related matters. Founder and Principal, J. Stott Matthews, is an EnCase Certified Examiner (EnCE) and Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP). Matthews also is a Professional Investigator, licensed by the State of Michigan, as currently required by state law. Together with his experience as a Fortune 10 executive, Matthews' expertise bridges the critical gap between technology, business, and the law. Spectrum has offices in the Greater Metro-Detroit area and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.