

Notes from the Chair

By Craig Ball

I know a little something about midlife crisis, and the Computer and Technology Section (C&T Section) may be having one. Like many in middle age, the C&T Section had exciting young years when we nurtured and guided Texas lawyers taking their first tentative steps to PCs and the Internet. We shared our parental wisdom as Tech Tips and handed over the keys when Texas lawyers wanted to take the Section's spiffy new app out for a spin. But, the kids have grown up. The novelty and intimidation of technology has faded. Technology and computing are so woven into our lives that we nearly panic when our cell phone batteries run low.

There's probably an app for that.

It's time for the Section to take stock of its mission and its future. Are we united in our passion for computers and technology in law practice, or by an abiding interest in the law of computers and technology? How might we inspire a new generation of wired lawyers? Can the C&T Section continue to return value to its members?

We face existential questions. It won't be easy to remain vital. Fortunately, I chair a Section Council made up of some of the finest, smartest people I've been privileged to know. All are committed to keeping the Section relevant and sustaining its worth to the thousands of Texas lawyers who kindly click that C&T Section membership box year after year. This is your section. Thanks for taking part. How can we help you?

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