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05.11.2007 | Culture and Society, Law, Campus and Community People unwittingly give up information about themselves through cell phones, computers, radio frequency identification and global positioning devices that may track their every move, end up on the Internet and create a mountain of legal challenges.

Many lawyers fighting those legal challenges will be unfamiliar with the formats in which those technologies generate evidence, according to forensic software expert Barb Frederiksen.

Frederiksen, who has offered expert testimony in federal trials, will help lawyers navigate "Where Are We Allowing Technology to Lead Us" Friday, June 8, at the University of Dayton School of Law's 17th Significant Developments in Computer and Cyberspace Law seminar.

Atlanta-based lawyers Paul Arne and Sandra Sheets Gardiner will discuss how MySpace, Facebook and YouTube reduce the control businesses have to prevent exposure from intellectual property infringements, privacy invasions and defamation. They also will talk about how virtual communities like SecondLife create new legal issues for real companies.

The recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that made it easier to invalidate patents, the Blackberry case, and international agreements and law are among the discussion topics.

Registration is \$325 and includes the seminar, course materials, lunch and refreshments. Reduced registration fees are available for full-time judges, government employees and students. Continuing legal education credit is available as well. Anyone unable to attend the conference who would like course materials can order them for \$75 (Ohio residents add \$5.25 for sales tax).

The seminar runs from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. in the UD School of Law's Keller Hall.

For more information, to register or to order course materials, contact Carole Wiltsee at 937-229-4676.

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