

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

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The Special Committee on Information Technology is a successor to the Computer Committee. In 2001 that committee, under the leadership of Dana D. McDaniel, undertook the task of upgrading the Virginia State Bar's outdated Digital Equipment Corporation VAX minicomputer system. The original contract for the work was terminated in 2004 and completion of the project was brought in-house under the direction of the bar's information technology director, William H. Dickinson. The new system, IBIS (Integrated Bar Information System), was completed when the professional regulation module went online on April 3, 2007. Other installed modules include mandatory continuing legal education, lawyer referral, member Web portal; legal research, and an annual meeting system. The VAX system was formally retired and switched off on June 29, 2007.

### **IBIS**

The committee has the task of assisting the bar staff as necessary with ongoing technology needs. Some of the projects considered during the year were a document-management program, implementation of MCLE online certification, online membership renewal and directory lookup, staff remote access to IBIS, new staffing positions for technology matters, disaster recovery planning, and replacement of the telephone system. The committee assisted in prioritizing those needs for approval by the Standing Committee on Budget and Finance. Looking forward, the committee will be evaluating these needs and implementing future projects as approved by the VSB Executive Committee.

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