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*UCITA Tutorial*

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The Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA) is a controversial commercial code for software licenses and other computer information transactions. UCITA puts information age industries on a par with the sellers of goods by codifying the legal rules applicable to contracts for their products. Critics claim the act criminalizes reverse engineering, while those in favor claim it clearly states contract rules and remedies for breach of contract. Please join us for an overview of UCITA with CMU's new General Counsel, who was a key player on the UCITA drafting committee.

**Wednesday, November 20th**

**4:30 p.m.**

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*Refreshments to follow.*

Mary Jo Dively is Vice President and General Counsel for Carnegie Mellon University, where she oversees the wide range of legal issues involving the university in Pennsylvania, nationally and abroad. Prior to that, she was in private practice, most recently as partner in the national law firm Reed Smith, as head of its Technology, Media and Communications Group. Her practice is at the forefront of developing e-commerce law and the transition of traditional business to e-business. While in private practice, she regularly represented both large and emerging technology and Internet companies, as well as traditional companies that were facing the myriad challenges of adapting their businesses to e-commerce.

She actively participated in the drafting of the two cornerstone laws in this field: the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act and the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act, serving as the American Bar Association Advisor for the latter. While in private practice, she regularly counseled companies, as well as governmental entities on the implementation and effect of these laws in each state, and continues to do so at Carnegie Mellon. She was selected to be included in the 2003-2004 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

Ms. Dively received her B.A. and B.S. from the University of Kansas and her J.D. from the Vanderbilt University School of Law. She is a member of the American Law Institute; co-chairs the Information Transactions Committee of the American Bar Association; is a former Director of the Pittsburgh Technology Council; is current Chair of the Board of Trustees of Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the UPMC Health System where she serves on both the Executive Committee and the Information Technology Committee.

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