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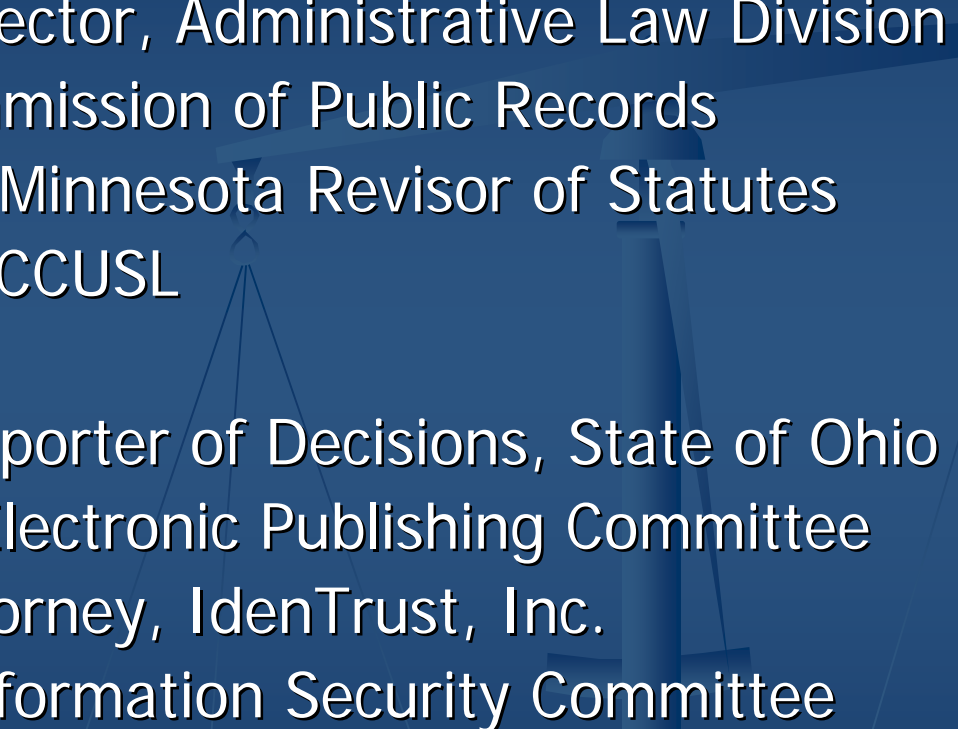
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Session Three: The Legal Solutions

Authentic Legal Information in the Digital Age: A National Summit

April 21, 2007, 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

Panelists and Reactors

- John H. Martinez, Director, Administrative Law Division
New Mexico Commission of Public Records
 - Michele L. Timmons, Minnesota Revisor of Statutes
Commissioner, NCCUSL
 - Ralph W. Preston, Reporter of Decisions, State of Ohio
Co-Chair, ARJD Electronic Publishing Committee
 - Benjamin Wilson, Attorney, IdenTrust, Inc.
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New Mexico & Minnesota

■ New Mexico

- “ ... the compilation or supplement shall be in force, and printed and *electronic copies* thereof shall be received, recognized, referred to and used in all the courts and in all departments and offices of the state as the *official compilation* of the statutory law of New Mexico ...”

■ Minnesota

- Under Minnesota law, state agencies must *endorse* duly adopted notices of hearings, rules or changes submitted for publication, and *text so endorsed is considered to be an authenticated source.*

Authentication – Legal Solution

- Washington State legislation – H.B. 1859
- Current language:
 - “ ... If the statute law committee publishes the Washington State Register exclusively by electronic means on the code revisor web site, the electronic copy posted on the code revisor web site shall be considered the ***official copy*** of the Washington State Register.”
- Statutory Solution?
 - “ ... shall be considered the official copy of the Washington State Register, ***shall be authenticated by a certificate or mark that conveys information as to its certification, and shall be preserved for permanent public access.***”

Reactors

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