What You Need to Know about Patent Law Practice after the AIA

Friday, March 22, 2013, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Suffolk University Law School, Boston

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE
The America Invents Act (AIA) is the most sweeping change to U.S. patent law in the last half century. Key aspects became effective when the AIA was signed into law in 2011. The critical transformation from “first-to-invent” to “first-inventor-to-file” is effective March 16, 2013.

The conference will provide attendees with a thorough understanding and critical insights into:

- The evolution of the AIA legislation
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) rules implementing “first-inventor-to-file,” post-issuance patent challenges, and other key AIA provisions
- Practical considerations in patent prosecution, transactions/due diligence, and intellectual property and patent litigation

The conference will be led by expert speakers including the Chief Administrative Patent Judge of the USPTO’s Patent Trial and Appeal Board, the Director of the USPTO’s Office of Patent Legal Administration, the former counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee and a principal architect of the AIA, and leading patent prosecutors and litigators.

ATTEND AND LEARN

- Gain insights into the congressional history of the AIA and its implementation by the USPTO
- How to apply key AIA provisions and USPTO rules
- Strategies for challenging patents before the USPTO and in the courts
- What are the perspectives of leading USPTO officials and expert patent lawyers

WHO SHOULD ATTEND
Anyone involved in managing work pertaining to obtaining and enforcing patent rights, including patent prosecutors and litigators in private practice or in-house at corporations or universities.

REGISTRATION
$250; $225 for Suffolk Alumni, attorneys admitted to the bar after 2011. Please visit www.law.suffolk.edu/als or call 617.573.8627 for more information and to register.
AGENDA

9:00 A.M. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Professor Andrew Beckerman-Rodau, Co-Director IP Law Concentration, Suffolk University Law School

9:10 A.M. LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF THE AMERICA INVENTS ACT
Joe Matal, Esq., Associate Solicitor, USPTO, Formerly Judiciary Committee Counsel to Senator Jon Kyl

9:30 A.M. PATENT APPLICATIONS
Moderator: Jason Honeyman, Esq., Wolf Greenfield & Sacks, Co-Chair
Administrative Patent Judge Thomas L. Giannetti, Patent Trial and Appeal Board, USPTO
Brian Hanlon, Esq., Director of the Office of Patent Legal Administration, USPTO
Mary K. Murray, Esq., Hamilton Brook Smith Reynolds, Co-Chair
Andrea Robidoux, Esq., Choate Hall & Stewart
Commentary: Joe Matal, Esq., Associate Solicitor, USPTO

9:30 A.M. REQUIREMENTS FOR NOVELTY
Requirements for Nonobviousness
Brian Hanlon, Esq. and Mary K. Murray, Esq.

10:30 A.M. Q & A

10:45 A.M. NETWORKING BREAK | SPONSORED BY HAMILTON BROOK SMITH & REYNOLDS, P.C.

11:00 A.M. PREISSUANCE SUBMISSIONS BY THIRD PARTIES
Brian Hanlon, Esq. and Andrea Robidoux, Esq.

11:20 A.M. DERIVATION PROCEEDINGS
Administrative Patent Judge Thomas L. Giannetti and Mary K. Murray, Esq.

11:50 A.M. Q & A

12:00 P.M. LUNCH

1:00 P.M. REVIEW OF ISSUED PATENTS
• Supplemental Examination by the Patent Owner
• Inter Partes Review
• Post-Grant Review and Transitional Program for Covered Business Methods Review
Moderator: Mary K. Murray, Esq.
Brian Fairchild, Esq., Goodwin Procter LLP
Commentators: Sarah Columbia, Esq., McDermott Will & Emery, Jason Honeyman, Esq., Joe Matal, Esq. and Frank Porcelli, Esq., Principal, Fish & Richardson

2:30 P.M. PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q & A

2:45 P.M. NETWORKING BREAK | SPONSORED BY HAMILTON BROOK SMITH & REYNOLDS

3:00 P.M. DEFENDING AND ENFORCING PATENTS
Strategies and Tactics in View of Inter Partes Review, Post-Grant Review, Transitional Program for Covered Business Methods
• Advice of counsel
• Novelty and obviousness challenges
Moderator: Mary K. Murray, Esq.
Sarah C. Columbia, Esq., Jason Honeyman, Esq. and Frank Porcelli, Esq.
Commentator: Joe Matal, Esq.

4:45 P.M. PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q & A

5:00 P.M. CONCLUDE

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