INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: IMPORTANCE IN TODAY’S ECONOMY

 Asserting Your IP

 Spotting Quality & Value

 Defending Your Portfolio

 Managing IP Issues

 Balancing the IP Budget

 Leveraging IP for Real Value

 NOVEMBER 3-4, 2009 • ATLANTA, GA

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Who You Will Meet

The Corporate Intellectual Property Institute is a networking and shoe leather business. The institute provides a forum that fosters casual interaction with accomplished industry leaders involved in all aspects of intellectual asset management.

Decision-makers from best-in-class organizations share their thoughts in panel discussions as well as during informal networking breaks and social events. Join your peers in exploring business development through IP at the 2009 Corporate Intellectual Property Institute.

About the Event

This event takes place at a time of significant change in the IP industry. Intellectual property is now recognized at executive levels as leverageable assets – perhaps as a consequence of this, we see the evolution of business models directed at increasing the liquidity of the IP marketplace.

Join your peers in the heart of Georgia for the 2009 Corporate Intellectual Property Institute. Based in Atlanta, this Institute was formed by IP professionals to share best practices, network, and discuss emerging business issues. Georgia State University’s Robinson College of Business and College of Law were instrumental in laying the foundations of the networking organization; that synergy continues today as Georgia State University hosts the 2009 Corporate IP Institute.

The Institute meets for two full days, as industry leaders participate in panel discussions focusing on pertinent issues facing IP professionals. Experienced practitioners from recognized best-in-class organizations will share learnings on topics that range from taking a first look at your organization’s intangible holdings to reaching out across other industries and leveraging your assets in the global marketplace.

CLE Information

GA CLE Credits Approved:
12 General / 1 Ethics / 1 Professionalism
FL CLE Credits Approved:
15 General / 2.5 Ethics
15 IP Certification Credits

Other states may qualify for CLE credit.

Note: If you are applying for CLE and you are outside of Georgia or Florida, please check with your bar for application procedures. A Certificate of Attendance and an agenda will be available upon request to attendees.

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Day 1 - November 3, 2009

7:30 – 8:15  Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:15 – 8:30  Introduction and Opening Remarks
Speaker: Steven J. Kaminshine, Dean, GSU College of Law
Speaker: H. Fenwick Huss, Dean, GSU J. Mack Robinson College of Business
Speaker: Chason Carroll, Director of Intellectual Property, CompuCredit Corporation
8:30 – 9:30  MANAGING IP BUDGETS: SELECTIVELY USING OUTSIDE COUNSEL AND OTHER RESOURCES TO EFFICIENTLY ENHANCE AND ENFORCE IP PORTFOLIOS

In these challenging economic times, everyone is under pressure to stay within budget. The panel will explore a variety of methods for managing costs without sacrificing the acquisition, maintenance and enforcement of a quality IP portfolio. Discussion topics include cost saving tips from the perspective of small, medium and large IP departments, details on when and how to engage outside counsel through requests for proposals (RFPs) and insights on outsourcing from one of the few companies able to do so with success.

Moderator: Lawrence A. Stahl, Managing Partner, Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto
Panelist: Valerie L. Calloway, Chief Intellectual Property Counsel, Polymer Group, Inc.
Panelist: Randi L. Karpinia, Senior Patent Operations Counsel, Motorola Inc.
9:30 – 9:45  Networking Break
9:45 – 10:45  WHO’S CONTROLLING THE DOMAIN NAME SPACE AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR BRANDS

Cybersquatting is more than just a nuisance—in most cases, it’s affecting consumer experience and trademark owners’ profitability in quantifiable compelling ways. Cybersquatters can easily evade detection, and with a domain name system policy maker operating under conflicts of interest, out of date statutes in the US, and nonexistent laws abroad, sweeping changes to the domain name regulatory system are necessary. In the immediate absence of these reforms, however, knowing which names to look for and how to enforce rights efficiently and effectively can deliver value to brand owners looking to address the most pressing infringements.

Speaker: Josh Bourne, President, Coalition Against Domain Name Abuse (“CADNA”)
10:45 – 11:00  Networking Break
11:00 – 12:00  WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF THE IN-HOUSE IP PROFESSIONAL

In-house IP professionals may be wondering what the future holds in these uncertain economic times. This panel will focus on alternative career paths for in-house IP professionals.

Moderator: Jennifer Pearson Medlin, Of Counsel, Morris, Manning, & Martin, LLP
Panelist: Kevin Cranman, General Counsel, TANDBERG Television, Inc. (Americas)
Panelist: Ken Massaroni, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Seagate Technology
Panelist: Kirk Somers, General Counsel and Executive Vice President, Concurrent Computer Corporation
12:00 – 1:30  Networking Luncheon
Day 1 - November 3, 2009

1:30 – 2:30 EVALUATING AND EXECUTING IP LITIGATION STRATEGIES

This topic will explore the collaborative relationship between in-house counsel and outside counsel essential to successful evaluation, planning, and execution of IP litigation strategies from both the plaintiff’s and the defendant’s perspectives.

Moderator: A. James Anderson, Partner, Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi L.L.P.
Panelist: John C. Childs, Assistant General Counsel – Litigation, Georgia-Pacific LLC
Panelist: Andrew W. Horstman, VP and Senior Legal Counsel for IP Litigation, Medtronic, Inc.

2:30 – 2:45 Networking Break

2:45 – 3:45 TRADEMARK ISSUES: OFF THE BEATEN PATH

Explore three out-of-the ordinary trademark topics that are not only thought-provoking but also may be of practical significance in your work:
• Colors, Sounds and Smells: Protection of Non-Traditional Marks;
• IP Clearance for Private Label Deals; and
• Beyond the Boilerplate: Trademark Licensing Issues That Make You Think

Moderator: William M. Ragland, Jr., Partner, Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC
Panelist: Leo Cook, Director, Legal, HD Supply
Panelist: Bruce Siegal, Senior VP and General Counsel, IMG College/The Collegiate Licensing Company

3:45 – 4:00 Networking Break

4:00 – 5:00 NAVIGATING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ISSUES ON WEB 2.0

This panel will examine an array of internet-related intellectual property issues that companies are facing in light of the vastly-expanded abilities of internet users in recent years to post and distribute content online. The panel will cover topics ranging from the promotional use of social networking sites to the phenomenon of keyword advertising.

Moderator: James Trigg, Partner, Kilpatrick Stockton LLP
Panelist: Sheri McGaughy, Senior Counsel, The Weather Channel, Inc.
Panelist: Jeaneene Jobst, Counsel, Turner Broadcasting System, Inc.

5:00-7:00 Reception

Please join us for an evening of food, fun, and stimulating conversation at the Institute Reception. Meet the speakers, moderators and other IP professionals that help shape the IP industry.

Hors d’oeuvres and drinks will be served.

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Day 2 - November 4, 2009

7:30 – 8:15 Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:15 – 8:30 Announcements

8:30 – 9:30 IP LICENSING IN THE CHANGING WORLD

How have the economy and recent decisions (Quanta, MedImmune, etc) impacted licensing practices and strategies? The panel discusses the new strategies that have developed...what works....what doesn’t work....pitfalls to avoid and terms to include, if you can, as well as offer their insights into changes on the horizon.

Moderator: Virginia L. Carron, Partner, Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP
Panelist: Bud Deffebach, Partner, Andre-Trover LC
Panelist: Frank A. Landgraff, Senior Intellectual Property Counsel, GE Energy and GE Water
Panelist: Dr. Jason Lye, Director of External Business Development/Technology Assets, Newell Rubbermaid, Inc.

9:30 – 9:45 Networking Break

9:45 – 10:45 PROFESSIONALISM IN IP PRACTICE: RESPECTING THE RIGHTS OF OPPOSING PARTIES AND THE PUBLIC

This presentation will address how principles of professionalism require lawyers to respect the rights of the public, and even opposing parties. Courts and bar associations have placed limits on the use of “deception” during undercover investigations, for example, as means to gather evidence of wrongdoing, such as trademark infringement. At the same time, in-house counsel are limited in their ability to prevent informal ex parte discussions with employees. This session will analyze the various ways that lawyers’ obligations of professionalism limit their ability to zealously represent their clients.

Speaker: David Hricik, Professor of Law, Mercer Law School

10:45 – 11:00 Networking Break

11:00 – 12:00 PATENT STRATEGIES FOR COMPETING IN A DOWNTURN ECONOMY

This session features experienced corporate patent counsel from different industries, who are implementing strategies designed not only to survive this difficult economy, but to emerge intact and ahead of competition. Best practices will be discussed for focusing patenting efforts on core products and services, surviving budget and staff cuts, managing patent portfolios and litigation, and related issues.

Moderator: Michael J. Powell, Shareholder, Baker Donelson
Panelist: Michael Bishop, General Counsel, AT&T Intellectual Property Corporation
Panelist: Cheryl J. Tubach, Chief Intellectual Property Counsel, J.M. Huber Corporation
Panelist: Stewart J. Womack, Assistant General Counsel, The GoDaddy Group, Inc.

12:00 – 1:15 Networking Luncheon

1:15 – 2:30 IP MANAGEMENT IN A DOWNTURN: CONFIRMING VALUE AND IMPROVING EFFICIENCY

A panel of senior corporate IP legal managers will offer observations and suggestions for managing IP in a challenging environment of reduced budgets. Creative strategies for improving efficiencies in the delivery of IP legal services will be presented. The panelists also will discuss ways to enhance management recognition of IP value and will provide their views on what the future holds for corporate practitioners.

Moderator: John K. Williamson, Partner, K&L Gates
Panelist: Scott M. Frank, President & CEO, AT&T Intellectual Property Inc.
Panelist: Carl B. Horton, Chief IP Counsel, General Electric Co.
Panelist: Krishnendu Gupta, Vice President and Assistant General Counsel, EMC Corporation

2:30 – 2:45 Networking Break

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About the Location: Atlanta and Georgia State University

This one of a kind conference will take place in downtown Atlanta, the financial capital of the South East, and home to an array of well known brands, representing a diversity of industry sectors. Atlanta attracts visitors from around the world, building a rich tapestry of cultures that support a variety of renowned restaurants, cafes, evening entertainment, as well as world-class hotels located throughout the city. Georgia State University, founded in 1913, is a leading research university with an enrollment of more than 27,000 undergraduate and graduate students. The J. Mack Robinson College of Business is one of the largest business schools in the nation, with eight programs nationally ranked by 16 leading publications. In 2009, Robinson's MBA for Working Professionals program was ranked among the top 10 in the nation by U.S. News & World Reports for the fourteenth consecutive year. The College of Law just celebrated its 25th anniversary of providing quality legal education with flexible programs of study, and nationally recognized centers and clinics. Major U.S. publications rank it as a Best Value and Most Wired, and U.S. News & World Report lists the College's Health Law program among the top 10 in the nation.

We hope you'll join us for two days of professional networking, education, and business development with licensing leaders from both small businesses and multi-national organizations, to academic institutions and licensing solution providers.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Would you like to see your name next to some of the largest companies in the world? Would you like to be associated with a premier intellectual property program? Would you like to showcase your products, ideas, and talents while networking with top IP professionals? The Corporate IP Institute affords you this opportunity through an array of opportunities. Sponsorship levels vary, but the benefits remain steady. Please contact Chason Carroll at 678-334-1245 or chason.carroll@compucredit.com for information on the sponsorship levels, benefits, and opportunities.

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2:45 – 3:45
MAJOR PATENT PLAYERS AND THE ROLES THEY PLAY

The prospect of buying, selling and licensing patents is becoming more mainstream; however, the patent monetization landscape is quickly evolving. How are the major patent players changing and how can the likelihood of a successful transaction be increased? Discussion topics include an analysis of major patent players, deal points from buyer and seller perspectives, and historical trends and future direction of the patent monetization landscape.

Speaker: Michael W. McLaughlin, Principal and Founder, IPInvestments Group

3:45 – 4:00
Networking Break

4:00 – 5:00
NAVIGATING YOUR PATENT PROSECUTION TEAM THROUGH ETHICAL, CONFLICT AND LITIGATION CHALLENGES ON A LEAN BUDGET

The current economic downturn requires virtually all inside IP counsel to trim their budgets substantially, while at the same time advancing mission critical IP strategies. This panel of experienced inside IP counsel will provide practical advice regarding strategies they have developed to balance these often competing goals: How to develop conflicts policies that make sense? How to ensure that inside and outside counsel focus on the key strategies? How to make alternative fee arrangements work? How to make sure that patents are prosecuted in an ethical fashion that will not give rise to attorney fee, inequitable conduct, and/or antitrust challenges should the company seek to enforce the patents? And more!

Moderator: John North, Chair, IP Group, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP
Panelist: Marcus Delgado, Chief IP Counsel, Cox Communications
Panelist: Jose Duttil, Associate General Patent Counsel, Cisco
Panelist: Geoff Sutcliffe, General Attorney, AT&T
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