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Annual Report Intellectual Property Law Section (IPLS)
of the State Bar of Michigan

SEMINARS

The IPLS offered three seminars this year.

An International Trademark Forum

The Forum was organized and cosponsored with ICLE and the Thomas M. Cooley Law School and held at two locations—in Grand Rapids on Tuesday, October 19th 2004 and in Rochester Wednesday, October 20th in Rochester. Attendees learned the ins and outs of international trademark practice from Ron Sussman, Trademark Attorney at the USPTO, and leading trademark practitioners.

Topics and speakers included:

- Recent Madrid Protocol Developments.
- Foreign Filings: Strategy Enhancements in light of the Madrid Protocol and Community Trade Mark Expansion.
- Multi-jurisdictional Trademark Enforcement Strategies.
- Foreign Case Law Updates.
- Trademark Enforcement in Asia.

Spring Seminar

The IPLS Spring Seminar, which was organized and cosponsored with ICLE, was held at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing on Monday, March 14, 2005. The Spring Seminar topics included:

- Patent and Trademark Office Update
- Nominative Fair Use in View of *KP Permanent Make Up*
- PCT Practice
- Trademark Prosecution, Updates, Tips & Best Practices
- PTO Appellate Rule Changes.
- Update on Trade Secret Law in Michigan
- Willfulness and Discovery in the Wake of *Knorr-Bremse*
- Avoiding Written Description Requirement Pitfalls
- Global Filing Strategies for Trademarks
- How to Draft Licensing Agreements that Avoid Antitrust Problems
- A Round Table Discussion with Law Students

31st Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute

The 31st Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute, which is organized and cosponsored with ICLE, will be Thursday to Saturday, July 14-16, 2005 at the Grand Hotel in Mackinac Island. Topics include:

- Update on Trademarks
- Update on Patents
- Update on Copyrights
- Ethics Issues for Intellectual Property Law Attorneys
- Enforcing International Trade Commission Judgments
- Trademarks and Copyright issues in China
- Complex Patent Litigation
- Advertising: Top Ten Legal Problems
- The Role of the Solicitor's Office at the Patent and Trademark Office

In addition to the regular sessions, there will be advanced topics presented in Trademark, Patent , and Copyright. The advanced topics are:

- Trademark: Advanced Practice Tips from an UDRP Panel Member.
- Patent: Expert Strategies for Claim Construction in Drafting and Prosecuting US Patent Applications.
- Copyright: to be announced.

The Third Annual Corporate Counsel Roundtable Luncheon Discussion Between In-House and Outside Counsel and the Women in IP Networking Breakfast will be repeated this year. The annual meeting of the Section will also be held at the Summer Institute again this year.

ACTIVITIES

Amendment to IPLS By-Laws

An amendment to the IPLS by-laws that would allow patent agents to join the section was approved by the Section members at the annual meeting in July, 2004. The amendment was then submitted to and has now been approved by the State Bar of Michigan. The procedure for joining will be announced in an upcoming issue of *Proceedings*.

Amicus Brief

The Section joined on the amicus brief filed by the New York IP section on *Phillips v. AWH Corp.*, 363 F.3d 1207, 70 USPQ2d 1417 (Fed. Cir. 2004) (67 PTCJ 576, 4/16/04).

IPLS representatives Attended AIPLA Town Hall Meeting

Council members represented the Section at a Town Hall meeting, sponsored by AIPLA, on Patent Reform held on March 4, 2005, in Chicago.

Notices/Publications

The Proceedings has been published and mailed out to its members three times during the year, which provided information about upcoming seminars and also notices regarding the amendment

to the IPLS by-laws and, further, regarding U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rule changes. In addition, the latest Proceeding reported on the AIPLA Town Hall Meeting on patent Reform.