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- Avoiding Ethics Problems in Patent Prosecution
- Could You Be Guilty of Prosecution Laches?
- What You Need to Know About Patents in Standard-Setting Organizations
- Legal and Ethical Issues in Off-Shoring Patent Prosecution Work
- Should the Doctrine of Equivalents be Abolished?
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Reception Included**

## Speakers

### Hon. T. S. Ellis, III

District Judge  
U.S. District Court for the  
Eastern District of Virginia

### Barry Grossman

Foley & Lardner LLP

### Hon. Claude Hilton

District Judge  
U.S. District Court for the  
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### James Kulbaski

Oblon, Spivak, McClelland,  
Maier and Neustadt, P.C.

### Stephen Kunin

Former Deputy Commissioner  
for Patent Examination Policy, U.S.  
Patent and Trademark Office, and  
Director of Intellectual Property  
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### Caitlin Lhommedieu

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### Kimberly Moore

Professor of Law  
George Mason University  
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### Hon. Liam O'Grady

Magistrate Judge  
U.S. District Court for the  
Eastern District of Virginia

### Joshua Sarnoff

Assistant Director  
Glushko-Samuelsan Intellectual  
Property Law Clinic, Washington  
College of Law, American  
University

### James Toupin

General Counsel  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

### Bradley C. Wright

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## PROGRAM DETAILS

Moderator: Bradley C. Wright  
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### Morning session

9:25 am

Introduction by Dan Polsby, Dean and Foundation  
Professor of Law, George Mason University  
School of Law

9:30 am to 10:15 am

*Ten Mistakes to Avoid When Filing Provisional  
Patent Applications*  
Bradley C. Wright, Banner & Witcoff, Ltd

10:15 am to 11:15 am (1.0 ethics credit)

*Avoiding Ethics Problems in Patent Prosecution*  
Barry Grossman, Foley & Lardner LLP

11:15 am to 11:30 am

Break

11:30 am to 12:15 pm

*Could You Be Guilty of Prosecution Laches?*  
Kimberly Moore, Professor of Law,  
George Mason University School of Law

Lunch

12:15 pm to 1:15 pm

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Lunch speaker: James Toupin, General Counsel,  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

### Afternoon session

1:15 pm to 2:15 pm

*Litigating Patent Cases in the "Rocket Docket" Eastern District  
of Virginia (panel discussion)*

Hon. T. S. Ellis, III, U.S. District Judge, E.D. Virginia

Hon. Claude Hilton, U.S. District Judge, E.D. Virginia

Hon. Liam O'Grady, Magistrate Judge, E.D. Virginia

Caitlin Lhommedieu, Greenblum & Bernstein, P.L.C (moderator)

2:15 pm to 3:00 pm

*What You Need to Know about Patents in  
Standard-Setting Organizations*

James Kulbaski, Oblon, Spivak, McClelland, Maier and Neustadt, P.C.

3:00 pm to 3:15 pm

Break

3:15 pm to 4:15 pm (1.0 ethics credit)

*Legal and Ethical Issues in Off-Shoring Patent Prosecution Work*  
Stephen Kunin, Former Deputy Commissioner for Patent  
Examination Policy, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and  
Director, Intellectual Property Law Program, George Mason  
University School of Law

4:15 pm to 5:00 pm

*Should the Doctrine of Equivalents be Abolished?*

Joshua Sarnoff, Glushko-Samuelsan Intellectual  
Property Law Clinic, Washington College of Law,  
American University

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

*Reception following the program*  
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## Previous Attendees Have Said:

*"A great presentation.  
All the speakers were excellent."*

*"One of the best I have ever  
attended in 35 years of practice."*

*"Presentation revealed several ethical issues  
that have previously escaped my attention."*

*"Great presentation on issues rarely discussed."*

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