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  - ▶ Waiver of Privilege After *EchoStar*, *Seagate*, and Other Recent Cases
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## Speakers

**Hon. Edward Damich**  
Chief Judge  
U.S. Court of Federal Claims

**Hon. John Doll**  
Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark  
Office

**Hon. Michael Fleming**  
Chief Administrative  
Patent Judge  
U.S. Patent and  
Trademark Office  
Board of Appeals

**Michael Kiklis**  
Akin Gump Strauss  
Hauer Feld LLP

**Sid M. Leach**  
Snell & Wilmer LLP

**Hon. Kathleen O'Malley**  
District Judge  
U.S. District Court, N.D. Ohio

**Prof. Samson Vermont**  
Professor of Law  
George Mason University  
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**Bradley C. Wright**  
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## HOT TOPICS IN PATENT LAW

### PROGRAM DETAILS

Symposium Chair and Moderator: Bradley C. Wright, Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.

### Morning Session

#### 9:25 am

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

#### 9:30 am to 10:15 am

*Obviousness After KSR v. Teleflex: Strategies Before  
the Patent and Trademark Office and in Litigation*  
Bradley C. Wright, Banner & Witcoff, Ltd

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

*Ethical Requirements of Pre-Filing  
Investigations in Patent Suits*  
Sid M. Leach, Snell & Wilmer LLP

#### 11:15 am to 11:30 am

Break

#### 11:30 am to 12:15 pm

*Developments at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office*  
Hon. John Doll, Commissioner for Patents,  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

#### 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm

Lunch (sponsored by Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.)  
Lunch speaker: Hon. Edward Damich, Chief Judge,  
U.S. Court of Federal Claims

### Afternoon Session

#### 1:15 pm to 2:15 pm

*Practical Tips for Litigating Patent Cases*  
Hon. Kathleen O'Malley, District Judge,  
U.S. District Court, N.D. Ohio

#### 2:15 pm to 3:00 pm

*Declaratory Judgment Actions After MedImmune  
and SanDisk: What Does it Take to Get Into Court?*  
Prof. Samson Vermont, Professor of Law,  
George Mason University School of Law

#### 3:00 pm to 3:15 pm

Break

#### 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm

*Waiver of Privilege After EchoStar, Seagate,  
and Other Recent Cases*  
Michael Kiklis, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer Feld LLP

#### 4:15 pm to 5:00 pm

*Winning Your Appeal at the Board of  
Patent Appeals and Interferences*  
Hon. Michael Fleming  
Chief Administrative Patent Judge,  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Board of Appeals

#### 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Closing Reception (sponsored by Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.)

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