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JULY 19TH, 2005
9:30AM TO 5:00PM

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- Advice for Litigating Patent Cases in the “Rocket Docket” Eastern District of Virginia
- Ten Mistakes to Avoid When Filing Provisional Patent Applications
- 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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HOT TOPICS IN PATENT LAW

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-Samuels 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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