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- "Festo-Proofing" Your Patent Applications
- Avoiding Ethical Problems Before the PTO
- How to Interpret a Patent Claim
- The FTC's Proposal for Patent Reform
- Recognize Conflict of Interest Problems for Patent Attorneys
- How to Deal with Patent Rights in U.S. Government Contracts
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PROGRAM DETAILS

Moderator: John Witherspoon

Professor and Director Emeritus, Intellectual Property Program, George Mason University School of Law

Speakers

Joel Freed

Arnold & Porter

Nicholas Godici

Commissioner for Patents
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David Hricik

Professor of Law
Mercer University School of Law

William Kovacic

General Counsel
Federal Trade Commission

Michael Lachuk

Deputy General Counsel
and Director of Intellectual
Property Law Group
Science Applications International
Corp. (SAIC)

Hon. Paul Luckern

Administrative Law Judge
International Trade Commission

Roderick McKelvie

Fish & Neave

Hon. Paul Michel

Circuit Judge
U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Federal Circuit

Harry Moatz

Director of Office and
Enrollment and Discipline
U.S. Patent and Trademark
Office

Bradley Wright

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Hon. Rya Zobel

U.S. District Judge
D. Massachusetts

Morning session

9:25am

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

9:30 am to 10:15 am

*How to "Festo-Proof" Your Patent Application,
With Examples*
Bradley Wright, Banner & Witcoff, Ltd

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

Avoiding Ethical Problems Before the PTO
Harry Moatz, Director of Office and Enrollment
and Discipline, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

11:15 am to 11:30 am

Break

11:30 am to 12:15 pm

How to Interpret a Patent Claim
Hon. Paul Michel, Circuit Judge,
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Lunch

12:15 pm to 1:15 pm

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Lunch speaker: Hon. Nicholas Godici,
Commissioner for Patents, U.S. Patent
and Trademark Office

Afternoon session

1:15 pm to 2:15 pm

*Practical Advice for Litigating Patent Cases
(panel discussion)*

Hon. Rya Zobel, U.S. District Judge, D. Massachusetts
Roderick McKelvie, Fish & Neave,
former U.S. District Judge, D. Delaware
Hon. Paul Luckern, Administrative Law Judge,
International Trade Commission
Joel Freed, Arnold & Porter (moderator)

2:15 pm to 3:00 pm

*Fixing What's Broken in the U.S. Patent System:
The FTC's Proposals for Patent Reform*

William Kovacic, General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission

3:00 pm to 3:15 pm

Break

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

Conflicts of Interest Problems for Patent Attorneys

David Hricik, Professor of Law, Mercer University School of Law
and Former Chair, ABA Committee on Professional
Responsibility of the IPL Section

4:15 pm to 5:00 pm

How to Deal With Patent Rights in U.S. Government Contracts

Michael Lachuk, Deputy General Counsel and Director of
Intellectual Property Law Group, Science Applications
International Corp. (SAIC)

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

*Reception following the program
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*"Excellent insight into how district court
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