Joseph M. Potenza Assumes Office of Chair of the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law

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Joseph M. Potenza assumed the office of Chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Intellectual Property Law (ABA-IPL) on August 4, 2012. Mr. Potenza assumed the leadership role at the ABA-IPL business meeting during the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago, August 2-7, 2012. Mr. Potenza served as Chair-Elect of the ABA-IPL Section during the 2011-12 term. The ABA-IPL Section is the largest intellectual property organization in the world and the oldest substantive Section of the ABA. Mr. Potenza will serve in this capacity for the term of one year.

Mr. Potenza is a past Vice Chair of the Section. He is a past Publications Officer and former Chair of the Content Advisory Board. He served on the Section Council for four years and as Section Secretary for three years. Mr. Potenza is a former member of the ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary, and has been a long-standing member of the ABA Standing Committee on Publishing Oversight where he continues to serve as a Special Advisor.

Previously, Mr. Potenza was Program Chair of the Annual Intellectual Property Law Conference and Co-Chair of the former Summer IPL Conference. He also served as Chair of the Litigation, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Related Issues Division, and the committees on Patent System Policy Planning, Public Information, Trial and Appellate Rules and Procedure, and Young Lawyers. Mr. Potenza is also a former Chair of the ABA Section of Science & Technology Law.

Mr. Potenza is a senior shareholder and practices in the Washington, DC office of Banner & Witcoff, Ltd. He concentrates on litigation, Section 337 investigations at the United States International Trade Commission, licensing, counseling on patent and copyright matters, and the preparation and prosecution of patent and copyright applications. He is a founding member, Past President and a Fellow of the Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court, and has been an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center since 1985.

About the ABA-IPL Section

The 25,000 member ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law advances the development of intellectual property laws and their fair and just administration. As the forum for rich perspectives and balanced insight on the full spectrum of IP law, the section serves as the ABA voice on intellectual property law issues within the profession, before policymakers and with the public.

With nearly 400,000 members, the American Bar Association is the world's largest voluntary professional membership organization. As the national voice of the legal profession, the ABA works to improve the administration of justice, promotes programs that assist lawyers and judges in their work, accredits law schools, provides continuing legal education, and works to build public understanding around the world of the importance of the rule of law.

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