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5:00 Conclusion

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

FULL ONE-DAY PROGRAM

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The Eleventh Annual Washington in the West Conference

January 30, 2008

Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles

2701 North Sepulveda Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90049

8:15 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:55 a.m. Opening Remarks

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◆ **Lawrence M. Hadley**

*Hennigan, Bennett & Dorman LLP
Conference Chairperson*

9:00 a.m. Invention Protection and Enforcement Under New Cases and PTO Rule Changes

Present and retired Patent Office officials and top patent practitioners will discuss new challenges for obtaining patent protection enforcing patents under recent court decisions and PTO recent and pending rule changes.

◆ **Robert A. Clarke**, USPTO, Director, Office of Patent Legal Administration, Alexandria, VA

◆ **Nicolas Godici**, Former Commissioner USPTO

◆ **Esther Kepplinger**, Former Deputy Commissioner for Patent Operations USPTO; Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Washington DC

◆ **Ken Wilcox**, Oblon, Spivak, McClelland, Maier & Neustadt, P.C., Alexandria VA

◆ **Laurence Pretty**, Law Office of Laurence Pretty, Los Angeles, CA (Moderator)

10:45 a.m. Morning Break

11:00 a.m. New Rules and Practice Before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board

Administrative Law Judge Gerald Rodgers and Stephen Baird will discuss new TTAB rules, effective August 2007, as well as practice pointers for litigating before the TTAB.

◆ **Hon. Gerald F. Rodgers**, Administrative Law Judge, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board

◆ **Stephen R. Baird**, Winthrop & Weinstine, P.A. Minneapolis, MN

12:30 p.m. Luncheon & Ethics Address

Jeffrey W. Shields, Michael J. Perez and Donal Hanley from the International Law Section of the State Bar of California will discuss the ethics of "Cross-Cultural Drinking." The panel members, all with significant international experience, will review drinking culture and habits in different countries, particularly as it relates to foreign business, and how to tactfully avoid drinking if you prefer. (Qualifies for 1.0 hours of substance abuse CLE)

2:00 p.m. Ethical and Legal Obligations Under Existing and Proposed PTO Rules

The panel will address ethical and legal issues pertaining to patent prosecution, focusing on obligations to disclose prior art under existing rules and recent case law, as well as obligations if PTO proposed rule changes are adopted. (Qualifies for 1.5 hours of ethics CLE)

◆ **Harry I. Moatz**, Director of Enrollment and Discipline, USPTO

◆ **Mark Dickson**, Winston & Strawn, LLP, San Francisco, CA

◆ **James J. Mullen III**, Ph.D., Morrison & Forester, San Diego, CA

◆ **Jeffrey G. Sheldon**, Sheldon, Mak, Rose & Anderson LLP, Pasadena, CA (Moderator)

3:30 p.m. Afternoon Break

3:45 p.m. Potential Impact of the Proposed Legislative Changes to Infringement Remedies and Patent Practice

The panel will discuss the impact of proposed legislative changes to remedies for patent infringement as well as patent practice.

◆ **Robert A. Clarke**, USPTO, Director, Office of Patent Legal Administration, Alexandria, VA

◆ **Mohan Rao**, Ph.D., Director, LECG, Evanston, IL

◆ **Matthew Vella**, Acacia Research Corporation, Newport Beach, CA

◆ **David Djavaheerian**, Tessera Technologies, San Jose, CA (Moderator)

4:50 p.m. Concluding Remarks

◆ **Sean Kneafsey (LAIPLA President)**
Kneafsey Tostado Associates LLP

MCLE Information:

The program offers 7 hours of MCLE, including 1.5 hours of ethics and 1.0 hours of substance abuse credit.

Registration:

See attached Registration Form, contact the LAIPLA Office at 626-974-5429 or visit www.LAIPLA.org