

Intellectual Property Law Section

Minutes of November 8, 2007 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Denise Glassmeyer at 9:40 am. In attendance were council members David Wisz, Jake Grove, Denise Glassmeyer, Frank Angileri, Julia Voutyras, Kevin MacKenzie. Also present were Lynn Chard and Stephanie McKinley of the Institute of Continuing Legal Education. Jennifer Anderson (by phone), Don Wallace (by phone).

Summary on PCT Seminar

Both were well attended. Troy had 166 pre-registered, 18 no-shows, and 7 walk-ins. Grand Rapids had 40 pre-registered, 4 no-shows. 2 walk-ins.

Council membership

Council (1) voted to accept resignation of Mark Davis, (2) discussed replacement, and (3) voted unanimously to ask Scott Keller, of Warner Norcross Judd, to serve for the remaining 6 months of Mark's term.

Spring Seminar update

PTO may not be able to provide speaker on new Rules.

Lynn Chard will (1) request PTO provide a speaker on new examination rules pursuant to KSR decision; (2) contact Stephen Kunin about moving from Summer to Spring; (3) contact Mark Halligan re speaking on Trade Secrets in a Digital Age; (4) contact a federal judge: Roberts, Rosen, or Lawson re lunch; (5) ask Tom Moga to focus on trademarks and avoid prior speeches to the extent possible.

Jake Grove will contact retired state court judge for IP litigation in state court panel, and will moderate panel.

Summer seminar update

Various speakers discussed. Bryan Diner's advanced topic will address changes in all three branches of government. We will expand the Google topic on the first day, and eliminate the topic on Experts in IP Litigation. John Whelan cannot attend. IP Issues in Bankruptcy, by Joe Yang, will become a plenary topic.

Council discussed compensation of Frederic Roth, speaking at the Corporate Counsel lunch. Council (as opposed to ICLE) will reimburse Mr. Roth for travel expenses and one night at the Grand Hotel, and will invite him to attend the speakers' dinner and the seminar.

Current Sponsors

Thursday Cocktail: Reising Ethington (\$7500)

Friday Cocktail: Rader Fishman (\$7500)

Friday and Saturday Breakfast: Open (\$5000)

Women's IP Breakfast: Open (\$1200)

Proceedings

Articles due 12/15. As of now, records indicate that the issue will contain the following articles:

Kevin McKenzie w.r.t. JP/US liaison council,

Mary Cameron w.r.t. EP/US liaison council,

John LeRoy re pro bono.

Announcement articles on spring and summer seminar and report article on the PCT seminar.

EP/JP liason verbal reports

Kevin McKenzie reported that Japanese representative did not understand new rules; he will report more fully in an article.

Spring 2009

Discussed dates. Denise Glassmeyer recommended that ICLE book March 16, 2009; to be confirmed by an e-mail vote.

Patent Rules for Eastern District of Michigan Local Rules

Patent Rules are being considered. FBA contacted ED Michigan judges, who indicated their own rules committee needs to look at whether rules are necessary. Council stands ready to assist as needed.

Next Meeting – December 13, 2007, 9:30 a.m., Christy's Bistro, Lansing Sheraton, 925 South Creyts Road, Lansing MI 48917. (517) 323-4190.

Adjournment -- The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.