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2**NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL****International Trademark Forum**

IPLS and the Thomas M. Cooley Law School are cosponsoring an international trademark forum for both attorneys and nonattorneys presented by a U.S. Patent and Trademark Office trademark specialist and nationally recognized trademark practitioners. The Forum will be held on **Tuesday, October 19, 2004** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Western Michigan University Graduate Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Forum will be repeated on **Wednesday, October 20, 2004** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Oakland Center on Oakland University's campus in Rochester, Michigan. The registration fee of \$50 for attorneys and \$25 for nonattorneys includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Please contact ICLE toll free at 877-229-4350 or register online at www.icle.org.

The forum topics include:

- Recent Madrid Protocol Developments presented by Ronald R. Sussman from the Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Trademark Policy and Projects at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
- International Filings: Strategy Enhancements in Light of the Madrid Protocol and Community Trademark Expansion presented by Mary Squyres from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione.
- International Case Law Update presented by Mary Squyres.
- Multi-jurisdictional Trademark Enforcement Strategies presented by Janet Marvel from Pattishall McAuliffe Newbury Hilliard & Geraldson and Susan N. McFee from Tyco International (US) Inc.
- Trademark Enforcement in Asia presented by Thomas T. Moga from Dickinson Wright PLLC.

2004 Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute and IPLS Annual Meeting

The 30th Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute was held July 22-24, 2004 at the Grand Hotel in Mackinac Island. The annual meeting of the Section was held July 24, 2004 at the Grand Hotel. New council members were elected, and the bylaws were amended to allow patent agents to join the Section as associates.

**ATTENTION ATTORNEYS AND PATENT AGENTS -
Amendments to the IPLS Bylaws**

At the annual meeting of the Section, members approved an amendment to the IPLS bylaws. This amendment provides a nonvoting associate membership category for patent agents registered before the United States Patent and Trademark Office and practicing in Michigan. The amendment allows patent agents to receive the Section's *Proceedings* Newsletter, participate on committees, attend meetings (without voting privileges), and attend programs with any reduced fees available to Section members. This amendment must be submitted to the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan for approval before implementation. Once the amendment is approved by the Board of Commissioners, watch for an invitation to patent agents to join the Section in future issues of *Proceedings*.

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The amendment approved by the Section adds Section 3 to ARTICLE II of the IPLS bylaws. The text of the bylaws is available on the IPLS website at: www.michbar.org/ip. Select "council information" and then "Bylaws." New Section 3 reads as follows.

Section 3 ASSOCIATES. Associates are agents registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office who are not licensed as attorneys in any state or jurisdiction and engage in a substantial portion of their activities related to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the state of Michigan. Individuals seeking registration as associate members who are not licensed by the State Bar of Michigan, after making application to the Secretary-Treasurer and approval by the council, may participate in the Section's activities as associates (without voting privileges). In making application, the person desiring to become an associate shall pay the annual dues applicable to members, as provided in Article II, Section I. Associates will be allowed to receive the Section newsletter, participate in committees and attend all programs and meetings (without voting privileges). Any associate who is not a licensed attorney shall not, through participation in the Section, convey to the public that they are a licensed attorney or qualified to render legal advice or services other than those granted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming CLE

The IPLS Spring Seminar will be Monday, March 14, 2005 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. The 31st Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute will be Thursday to Saturday, July 14-16, 2005 at the Grand Hotel in Mackinac Island.

Council Meetings

The council reminds the membership that all section members are invited to attend council meetings. Council meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Meetings are usually either conducted by teleconference or held at the Sheraton at 925 Creyts Road, Lansing. Members wishing to attend a council meeting are advised to contact one of the council members one week before the meeting for the exact time and location. Dates and locations for upcoming events are listed in the IPLS Planning Calendar in each issue of *Proceedings*.

IPLS PLANNING CALENDAR **WHAT WE'VE DONE ... WHAT WE'LL DO**

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| August 5, 2004: | Council Meeting , contact a council member for the time and location. |
| September 9, 2004: | Council Meeting , contact a council member for the time and location. |
| October 11, 2004: | Council Meeting , contact a council member for the time and location. |
| October 19, 2004: | 8 a.m. to 5 p.m International Trademark Forum , Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Grand Rapids/WMU campus, Western Michigan University Graduate Center, Grand Rapids |
| October 20, 2004: | 8 a.m. to 5 p.m International Trademark Forum , Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Rochester/Oakland University Campus, Oakland Center, Rochester |
| November 11, 2004: | Council Meeting , contact a council member for the time and location. |
| December 9, 2004: | Council Meeting , contact a council member for the time and location. |
| March 14, 2005: | IPLS Spring Seminar , Kellogg Center, East Lansing |
| July 14-16, 2005: | 31st Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute , Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island |

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