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HOT TOPICS IN PATENT LAW

JULY 21, 2008
9:30 am to 5:00 pm

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TOPICS INCLUDE:

**BALANCING PATENT POLICY AND
COMPETITION POLICY**

**JUDGES' PANEL:
PATENT LITIGATION
IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**

**THE PROPOSED PATENT
REFORM LEGISLATION**

**USPTO CONSIDERATION
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SPEAKERS

Senior Judge T.S. Ellis III
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Judge Leonie M. Brinkema
Eastern District of Virginia
Magistrate Judge John F. Anderson
Eastern District of Virginia

Hon. S. Jay Plager
Senior Circuit Judge
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

William Kovacic
Chairman
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John J. Love
Deputy Commissioner for Patent
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Associate Dean for
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PROGRAM DETAILS

Moderators: Jordan N. Bodner and Brian J. Brisnehan
Symposium Chair: Bradley C. Wright, Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.

Morning Session

9:30 am to 9:40 am

Welcome by Dan Polsby, Dean and Professor of Law,
George Mason University School of Law,
and Bradley C. Wright, Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.

9:40 am to 10:25 am

Balancing Patent Policy and Competition Policy

William Kovacic, Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission

10:25 am to 11:25 am (1.0 ethics credit)

Conflicts of Interest in Patent Litigation (ethics credit)

David Hricik, Associate Professor,
Mercer University School of Law

11:25 am to 11:35 am

Break

11:35 am to 12:20 pm

Lawman, Egyptian Goddess, and the Future of U.S. Design Patents

Robert Katz, Partner, Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.

12:20 pm to 1:30 pm

Lunch (sponsored by Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.)

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Lunch speaker: Hon. S. Jay Plager, Senior Circuit Judge,
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Afternoon Session

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

The Proposed Patent Reform Legislation

John M. Whealan, Associate Dean for Intellectual
Property Law, George Washington University Law School

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Judicial Panel Discussion—Patent Litigation in the Eastern District of Virginia

Panel: Senior Judge T.S. Ellis III, Eastern District of Virginia
Judge Leonie M. Brinkema, Eastern District of Virginia
Magistrate Judge John F. Anderson, Eastern District of Virginia
Moderator: Roderick R. McKelvie, Partner, Covington & Burling,
LLP and former District Judge, D. Delaware

3:30 pm to 3:40 pm

Break

3:40 pm to 4:20 pm

USPTO Consideration of Obviousness After KSR

John J. Love, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination
Policy, United States Patent and Trademark Office

4:20 pm to 5:00 pm

Statutory Subject Matter—Comiskey, Nuijten, and now In re Bilski

Michael Sartori, Partner, Venable LLP

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Reception following the program
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