



CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 6

Noon – 1:15 pm, State Bar of Georgia, Conference Room A:
Lunch and Learn: “Design Patents After Egyptian Goddess and Apple v. Samsung” presented by Arthur A. Gardner (Gardner Groff Greenwald & Villanueva, PC)

February 27

Noon – 1 pm, State Bar of Georgia, Conference Room A:
In-House Committee CLE: “First Inventor to File Under the AIA: Rules, Implications, and Strategies Every IP Attorney Should Know,” speakers Brent R. Bellows (Knowles Intellectual Property Strategies) and Richard Miller (Ballard Spahr)

SAVE THE DATE

March 1

High Museum of Art:
Inaugural Georgia Intellectual Property Summit
Judges’ Panel with Guests from the Federal Circuit and Local Courts, Cocktail Reception and Dinner Gala



***** **REMINDER** *****

March 1, 2013

High Museum of Art

**Inaugural Georgia Intellectual Property Summit
Dinner Gala Honoring Members of the Judiciary**

Message from the Chair

Dear IP Section Members:

Happy New Year! I trust that your holiday season was a good one. Last year was a great one for the Intellectual Property Section, but 2013 promises to be one of our best yet. We ended 2012 with a wonderful and well-attended holiday party at the Woodruff Arts that raised both food and money for the Atlanta Food Bank. We plan to hit the ground running in 2013 with a series of great events that I want to bring to your attention.

We will follow our “How to Litigate a Patent Case” CLE event at the Mid-Year Meeting of the State Bar of Georgia, with a program on design patents. On February 6, 2013, Art Gardner will present a discussion entitled “Design Patents After Egyptian Goddess and Apple v. Samsung” at the State Bar. The presentation covers design patent law prior to and after Egyptian Goddess and concludes with an engaging visual review of numerous recent design patent infringement decisions, allowing the audience to see if they agree with various court rulings.



Just in time for the implementation of the new “first to file” rules in the Patent Office, the Section will present a panel discussion on the impact of the America Invents Act on prosecution practice in late February. Rather than simply review the rules, this panel will dive into strategy decisions, pitfalls, and traps associated with changes in the law regarding prior art and filing patent applications. If you prosecute patents, I highly recommend attending this panel.

On March 1, 2013, we will host our premiere event of the year (see adjacent article). The Inaugural Georgia Intellectual Property Summit Dinner Gala Honoring Members of the Judiciary,

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which will be held March 1, 2013, at the High Museum of Art. The gala will be honoring members of the federal bench, including members of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, and the United States District Courts of Georgia. This exciting event will offer

CLE credit and a great opportunity to treat your colleagues and clients to an entertaining evening set against the backdrop of world-class art in Atlanta's High Museum.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for the March 1 gala, but they are going quickly. Interested sponsors should act quickly. If you're interested in

sponsoring this event, please contact me at pburrus@burrusiplaw.com. Otherwise, please be sure to mark your calendar for March 1, 2103. It will be a fun evening.

Sincerely,
Philip Burrus, Chairman
Burrus Intellectual Property
Law Group, LLC

MARCH 1, 2013 DINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

Please make plans to attend the Inaugural Georgia Intellectual Property Summit Dinner Gala Honoring Members of the Judiciary, which will be held at the High Museum of Art on March 1, 2013.

The evening will begin with a Judges' Panel in the Hill Auditorium. The Judges' Panel will feature mock oral arguments in the area of patents, copyrights, and trademarks and will qualify for continuing legal education credit.

A cocktail reception with hand-passed hors d'oeuvres will follow the Judges' Panel. The High Museum has graciously offered to keep their premiere exhibit open for self-guided tours as well. Members of the High Museum staff will be stationed throughout the exhibit to

answer questions about featured artworks.

A gourmet seated dinner and dessert, catered by Legendary Partners of Atlanta, will then be held in the Robinson Atrium. After dinner, guests will be entertained by the Grammy-nominated artist, Julian Lage, and his trio. All About Jazz has called Lage "a giant in the making." He is a protégé of legendary vibraphonist Gary Burton, recording two albums and touring with Burton. Julian has recently been featured on Piano Jazz: Rising Stars and NPR's Tiny Desk Concerts. Lage received a Grammy nomination in 2009 for Best Contemporary Jazz Album.

Itinerary:

4:30 – 6:00 PM – Judges' Panel,

held in the Hill Auditorium

6:00 – 7:00 PM – Cocktail Reception with hors d'oeuvres, Robinson Atrium, along with self-guided tours of the High Museum of Art

7:00 – 8:30 PM – Seated Dinner, Robinson Atrium

8:30 – 9:45 PM – Dessert, Cordials, and Entertainment

Reservations:

Individual Reservation forms will be sent via email from the State Bar of Georgia the week of January 14, 2013. Tables of 10 are available for reservation as well. For a table reservation, please contact Philip Burrus at pburrus@burrusiplaw.com. A limited number of sponsorship opportunities are available as well.

APPLE V. SAMSUNG DESIGN PATENT CLE SPONSORED BY IP SECTION

The IP Section invites you to attend a lunch event on design patents, which will be held February 6, 2013, from noon to 1:15 pm at the State Bar of Georgia in Conference Room A.

Prior to Egyptian Goddess, the cards were stacked against the owners of design patents. The CAFC's en banc decision in that case has evened things up quite a bit, improving success rates in litigation by about half. As a result, design patents are hotter than ever. See, *Apple v. Samsung* (\$1.05B judgment). The presentation covers design patent law

prior to and after *Egyptian Goddess* and concludes with an engaging visual review of numerous recent design patent infringement decisions, allowing the audience to see if they agree with various court rulings. The presentation will cover changes in the law, the impact such has had on court cases, how to maximize design protection, and the importance of a strong design patent portfolio.

The speaker will be Arthur A. Gardner, shareholder and founder of the IP boutique firm of Gardner Groff Greenwald & Villanueva, PC. Mr.

Gardner is a frequent speaker on various IP topics and is an outstanding presenter. An IP lawyer since 1988, over the years Mr. Gardner has devoted about half of his efforts to IP litigation (including litigating design patents, utility patents, and appellate work) and about half to patent and trademark prosecution.

Cost for members who preregister is \$20. Cost for nonmembers who preregister is \$30. Cost for onsite registration is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers.

COMMITTEE NEWS**IN-HOUSE COMMITTEE**

On *February 27*, from 12-1 pm, at the GA Bar Headquarters, the In-House Committee of the Intellectual Property Law Section is pleased to present a panel discussion titled “First-Inventor-To-File Under the AIA: Rules, Implications, and Strategies Every IP Attorney Should Know,” focused on the First to File provisions of the American Invents Act-which will go into effect in March 2013. This CLE is packed full of critical information for both in-house attorneys and firm IP attorneys. The discussion will be led by Brent R. Bellows of Knowles Intellectual Property Strategies and Richard Miller of Ballard Spahr LLP. Both Brent and Rich have led similar discussions at various national and international CLE events. A follow-up reminder and invitation is forthcoming from the GA Bar. Lunch and CLE credit will be provided and seating is limited. The cost is \$20 for members, \$30 for non-members.

For more information, please contact the In-House Committee Chair, Matt Smith at matthewsmith7@gmail.com.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The IP Section hosted its annual holiday party in conjunction with the IP Sections of the Atlanta Bar Association and YLD on December 5, 2012. Members from all three groups gathered in the North Alcove balcony area of the Woodruff Arts Center for food, drinks, and mingling. The party was one of the largest ever with almost 100 people in attendance. We raised \$246.00 and collected 68 lbs. of canned goods for the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who attended and donated!

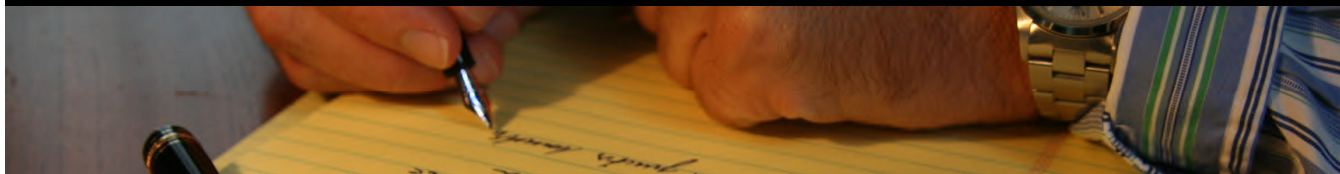
For more information or to help plan future events, please contact the Social Committee Chair, Suzanne Werner of Alston + Bird LLP, at 404.881.7000 or suzanne.werner@alston.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

On January 11, 2013, the IP Section hosted a 3-hour CLE entitled “How to Litigate a Patent Infringement Case” at the Georgia Bar’s mid-year meeting at the St. Regis Atlanta. Patrick L. Coyne (Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP, Washington, D.C.) presented an interesting and informative class to a group of over 40 attorneys, with a variety of different backgrounds. Coyne provided practical advice for handling patent cases from pre-discovery through appeal. He also provided checklists and tips for settlement and management of your case and client.

Thank you to Mr. Coyne for coming to Atlanta and presenting at our mid-year meeting. Also thank you to ICLE for helping us organize a wonderful event.

For more information or to help with future events, please contact the Special Events Committee Chair, Rivka Monheit, at rivka@pabstpatent.com.



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March 2013

The first Intellectual Property Mid-Year Summit in conjunction with the Atlanta Bar IP Section and the Atlanta IP Inn of Court will be held at the High Museum of Art on *March 1, 2013*. Save the date and see page 2 of this newsletter for additional details regarding the Judges Panel featuring Federal Circuit Judges, Cocktail Reception and Formal Dinner Gala.

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