



SDIPLA News



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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8TH MEETING
USPTO's CLAIMS AND CONTINUATIONS INITIATIVE
BY: BOB SPAR OF THE USPTO

Upcoming Events:

- ~JAN 18- FREDRIC DOUGLAS
INEQUITABLE CONDUCT: HOW TO
LOSE YOUR PATENT RIGHTS
- ~Feb 16 - Dr. David McGowan,
USD-IP Licensing & Antitrust
- ~Mar 24-26 - Joint OCIPLA/
SDIPLA meeting at La Costa
- ~May 25 - Chief Judge Damich-
US Court of Claims

Mr. Spar will be speaking on two proposed rule changes that were published on January 3, 2006 in the Federal Register. One of these, "Changes to Practice for the Examination of Claims in Patent Applications," proposes that the Patent Office will only do an initial examination on the claims designated by the applicant as representative claims. The representative claims will be all of the independent claims and only the dependent claims that are expressly designated by the applicant for initial examination. Thus, the Patent Office is delaying the examination of most of the dependent claims until the application is in condition for allowance. The other proposed change, "Changes to Practice for Continuing Applications, Requests for Continued Examination Practice, and Applications Containing Patentably Indistinct Claims," would require that second or subsequent continued examination filings, whether a continuation application, a continuation-in-part application, or a request for continued examination, be supported by a showing as to why the amendment, argument, or evidence presented could not have been previously submitted.

FEBRUARY 8TH LUNCH MEETING-Del Mar Marriott

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Date/Time/Location:

February 8, 2006
11:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Del Mar Marriott
11966 El Camino Real
San Diego, CA

858 523-1700
<http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/SANDM>

Directions:

North on I-5 exit Carmel Valley Rd. (right).

Turn on 2nd left onto El Camino Real. Hotel on left.

Parking in the Marriott parking lot costs \$5.00

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Date	Event	Speaker/Topic
January 18, 2006	Inequitable Conduct: How to lose your Patent Rights	Frederic Douglas at the La Jolla Embassy Suites 6:-9:00 P.M.
February 8, 2006	USPTO's Claims and Continuations Initiative	Robert Spar at the Del Mar Marriott 11:45- 1:30 P.M.
February 16, 2006	Dinner Meeting	Dr. David McGowan, USD—IP Licensing & Antitrust
March 4, 2006	5th Annual Black & White Ball <i>Gala to Benefit</i> The Association of Corporate Counsel - America & San Diego Habitat for Humanity	San Diego Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel – America
March 24-26, 2006		Joint OCIPLA/SDIPLA meeting at La Costa
March 27-28, 2006	Advanced Licensing Seminars For Licensing Professionals 2006	Sponsored by LIMA. ~Please see attached brochure
April	TBA	
May 25, 2006		Chief Judge Damich– US Court of Claims

Reservation Form for February 8th Meeting

“USPTO’s INITIATIVE ON CLAIMS AND CONTINUATIONS”

BY: BOB SPAR

Wednesday- February 8, 2006

11:45-1:30 p.m.

The Menu

Smoked Chicken & Black Bean Soup

Mixed Greens with Tomatoes, Black Olives,
Roasted Corn, Cucumbers,
Red & Green Peppers, & Tortilla Crisps
Red Wine Vinaigrette

Smoky Chipotle Caesar Salad

Crispy Tortilla Chips with
Fresh Salsa & Guacamole

Create Your Own Fajitas
Seared Marinated Beef & Chicken with Sau-
téed Onions, Green & Red Peppers
Diced Tomatoes, Shredded Lettuce,
Black Olives, Shredded Jack Cheese, Guaca-
mole, Sour Cream, & Salsa
Warm Flour & Corn Tortillas

Four Cheese Enchiladas with
Red Chili Sauce

Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Bunuelos
Margarita Pie
Crispy Churros

*Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee,
Select Herbal Teas, & Iced Tea*

Due to the large number of attendees expected at this event, the SDIPLA is again requesting **Pre-Registration and Pre-Payment** .

To reserve your place, please fill out the below registration, and send it **WITH YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO ‘SDIPLA’** to:

Robert Prince
SDIPLA Secretary
14651 Woodhue Lane
Poway, CA 92064
(858) 722-4597
FAX: (858) 748-8201
rprince@sbcglobal.net

Please include:

lchristiansen@san.rr.com on all e-mail reservations.

Please complete a separate form for each attendee.

REMINDERS

- Please mail, fax, or e-mail your reservation to Robert Prince at the address, fax, or e-mail address indicated for receipt ***no later than 12:00PM, February 3,, 2006.***
- The reservation deadline is dictated by the hotel and not by the SDIPLA.
- This program has been approved for MCLE credit by the State Bar of California in the amount of one (1.0) unit .
- Meeting is at the Del Mar Marriott

NOTE Meeting PRICES

\$40.00 SDIPLA Member

\$55.00 Non-Member

Reservation Form for FEBRUARY 8TH Meeting

Name: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Firm/Employer: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Member of SDIPLA? (circle one) YES NO

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS 12:00PM, February 3, 2006

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Name: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

(required to receive newsletters)

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City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Send check or money order payable to SDIPLA Dues to: Robert Prince

Attorney Member Dues: \$50/year SDIPLA Secretary

Non-Attorney/Retired Attorney Dues: \$25/year 14651 Woodhue Lane

(e.g. law students, paralegals, patent agents, retired attorneys, etc.) Poway, CA 92064

Please Renew Your Membership for Fiscal 2005-2006

All SDIPLA members are asked to send in their membership dues, if they have not already, using the Membership Renewal form above.

- E-Mailing of newsletters and notices will replace regular mailing.
- Members who have not renewed membership **by November 30, 2005**, will be **removed** from the active member mailing list.
- SDIPLA had approximately 275 active members in 2004-2005.
- **On-line registration now available– visit www.SDIPLA.org.**
- SDIPLA would like to increase active membership, including significantly in-house practitioners.
- SDIPLA welcomes any suggestions to make the renewal process more efficient.
- SDIPLA welcomes any suggestions to increase membership.
- If you have suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the officers.

Announcements

This Announcements section is designed to better serve the needs of the membership. This page may be used to advertise for positions offered or desired, as well as to provide a forum for announcements of interest to the San Diego IP community. Please contact Rob Prince if you would like to place an ad or announcement.

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Email resume and writing sample in confidence to recruiting@ifllaw.com.

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SDIPLA COMMITTEES

SDIPLA has Amicus, Awards, Editorial, Events, and Sponsorship committees. **Members are needed for the sponsorship and events committees.** Please contact an officer if you are interested in joining a committee. Go to the SDIPLA website at www.sdipla.org for more information about these committees and SDIPLA.

Applications for SDIPLA Membership

The following individuals have applied for SDIPLA membership. Active Members may oppose membership status to these individuals by lodging a formal notice of opposition. The opposition must include relevant grounds for disqualification and should be submitted to the Secretary on or before before November 1, 2005. Many of these names should not be on this list—

Morgan Adessa	Thane Bauz	Samir Elamarari	Bernard Greenspan	John Grohs
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Molly Gavin	Laurel Bernstein	Enrique Monteagudo	Andrea Mays	Todd Schneider
Michael Pennington	Jacob Handy			

ARTICLES: If you have an article for the newsletter, please send it to Rob Prince.

DUES: To pay or renew your **membership dues:** Please use the form on page 4, and send form via mail or fax to Rob Prince. - online registration now available - visit www.SDIPLA.org.

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- Physics

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PAUL, HASTINGS, JANOFSKY & WALKER LLP
3579 Valley Centre Drive
San Diego, CA 92130
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Please specify the location(s) you are interested in.

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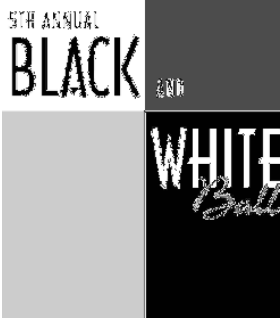
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January 21, 2006 (optional)

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Featuring

- Day One — Overview and practical patent strategies in China
- Day Two — Overview and real world experience enforcing patents in China
- Luncheon Speakers —
 - *Chris Israel, U.S. Coordinator for International Intellectual Property Enforcement*
 - *The Honorable He Zhanglin, China Intellectual Property Society*
- Networking Roundables and Optional Wine Country Tour with Faculty

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San Diego Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel – America Hosts 5th Annual Black & White Ball

Gala to Benefit
The Association of Corporate Counsel - America & San Diego Habitat for Humanity

What: The San Diego chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel – America will host its 4th annual “Black & White Ball,” a black-tie optional gala benefit for San Diego Habitat for Humanity. The evening will include music by Innovation, silent auction and a casino. San Diego Habitat for Humanity is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a non-profit, ecumenical organization with a mission to eliminate poverty housing. San Diego Habitat for Humanity builds homes and sells them to low-income families with a 20-year, 0%-interest mortgage.

When: Saturday, March 4, 2006
Wine Reception at 6:00 p.m.;
Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Manchester Grand Hyatt

Info: For more information or sponsorship opportunities please contact:

Hillary Wilson (hwilson@alarismed.com) or
Jon Hellings (jhellings@cox.net).

For ticket information please contact:
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