



SDIPLA News

Special points of interest:

- SDIPLA will host a dinner meeting on April 21 featuring R. Danny Huntington of Burns Doane on patent interferences.
- SDIPLA will host a dinner meeting in mid-May featuring EPO attorneys Hugh Dunlop and/or Alex Schlee on European patent rules and procedures.
- SDIPLA will host a charity golf event for the benefit of the San Diego Volunteer Law Association on July 16, 2004.

April 21, 2004 Patent Interferences—Recent Developments

Presented by R. Danny Huntington, Esq. of Burns, Doane, Swecker, & Mathis LLP (MCLE 1 hr)

SDIPLA is pleased to announce that R. Danny Huntington will be the speaker at our April 21 meeting.

TOPIC: Mr. Huntington's presentation is entitled "Patent Interferences—Recent Developments." He will address the following important topics:

The basic prerequisites to invoke an interference.

The requirement to copy claims of published applications pursuant to 35 USC 135(b)(2) and the need to monitor patent publications.

The impact of the new rules on the number of interferences expected in years to come.

The threshold jurisdictional issues of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

And much, much more.....

Speaker: Danny Huntington has extensive patent interference experience, with particular expertise in biotechnology and pharmaceuticals. He is a former chemist for The Gillette Research Institute. He is involved in all phases of intellectual property law, including United States and foreign patent prosecution, litigation in the Federal and State Courts, licensing, United States International Trade Commission proceedings and general client counseling. Mr. Huntington currently serves as Managing Partner of Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis LLP.



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Date/Time/Location:

April 21, 2004
6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

La Jolla Marriott
4240 La Jolla Village Drive
La Jolla, California
858-587-1414

Checks payable to SDIPLA.

DIRECTIONS TO THE APRIL 21, 2004 MEETING

Notes:

This meeting is at the La Jolla Marriot.

This is a dinner meeting.

Directions:

I-5 to La Jolla Village Drive;

.5 miles east, between Genesee and Regents Road

I-805 to La Jolla Village Drive,
1 mile west

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Call for Nominations for Board and SDIPLA Treasurer

SDIPLA will elect directors for the 2004 to 2005 SDIPLA calendar year at the June 2004 meeting (date and time tba). As has been the practice of SDIPLA for several years now, current officers - Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President and President - advance in officer position and are nominated as directors for the next calendar year. Thank you to Rich Kim, Immediate Past President, for your five years of service as an officer and director.

SDIPLA is also calling for nominations for Treasurer for the 2004 to 2005 SDIPLA calendar year. Nominations will be accepted from now until May 15, 2004 and the Treasurer will be elected in June.

Please submit your nominations to Mark Wieczorek by May 15, 2004. Please include a brief one page summary describing the candidate's qualifications and reasons why you would like to see the nominee elected. These summaries will be posted on www.sdipla.org for the membership to review.

Second Annual SDIPLA Charity Golf Event on July 16, 2004

SDIPLA is pleased to conduct its second annual charity event for the benefit of the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program. Last year's program raised about \$5000. See page 4 for sign up information. If you or your firm or company would be willing to sponsor the event, please contact any officer.

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. David Guttman is our webmaster.

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 April 19, 2004.

Daniel L. Eisman
Jeffrey R. Kaufman
Enrique Monteaqude
Adam Welland

Raymond B. Hom
David James Lola
Laura E. Pereira

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

DUES: To pay or renew your **membership dues:** Go to www.sdipla.org. Please pay your dues.

Dinner Reservation Form for April 21, 2004 Meeting

Topic— Interference Practice—Recent Developments

Presented by R. Danny Huntington, Esq. of

Burns, Doane, Swecker, & Mathis LLP

WEDNESDAY

April 21, 2004

La Jolla Marriott on La Jolla Village Drive

Registration starts at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner starts at 6:45 p.m.

Panel presentation starts at 7:15 p.m.

The Menu

Tomato Bisque and Caesar Salad

With one of the following entrees:

Chicken Madagascar

(with Creamy Peppercorn Demi Glaze and Garlic Mashed Potatoes)

** OR **

Grilled Mediterranean Salmon

(with Tomatoes, Olives, Capers and Oregano served over Spinach Fettuccini)

OR

Vegetarian Lasagna

With

Chef's Selection of Accompaniments and

California Fruit Tart with Creamy Vanilla Sauce

Please register early. 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, indicate your meal choice, and send it **WITH YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO 'SDIPLA'** to:

Kent Walker
SDIPLA Secretary
c/o Cooley Godward
4401 Eastgate Mall
San Diego, CA 92121-9109
(858) 550-6065
Fax: (858) 550-6420
walkerkm@cooley.com

Please include Wanda Robinson
(wrobinson@cooley.com)
On email reservations

REMINDERS

- Please mail, fax, or e-mail your reservation to Kent Walker at the address, fax, or e-mail address indicated for receipt **no later than Monday, April 19, 2004.**
- 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.

NOTE MEAL PRICES

\$40.00 SDIPLA Member

\$45.00 Non-Member

Registration

Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Firm/Employer: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Member of SDIPLA? (circle one) YES NO

Entree Choice: ___ Chicken Madagascar ___ Grilled Salmon ___ Vegetarian Lasagna

Second Annual SDIPLA Charity Golf Classic

Friday, July 16, 2004
 Carlton Oaks Country Club
 9200 Inwood Drive, Santee, CA

\$100 per person fee

Includes:

- Cart
- Discounted Green Fees
- Range Balls
- BBQ Dinner

All profits from this event will be donated to the San Diego Volunteer Lawyers Program. In addition to donating to a worthy cause and organization, this will be a nice opportunity to get to know your fellow SDIPLA members in a casual setting, as well as a great opportunity to network with colleagues and clients. So dust off those clubs and join us for a relaxing afternoon of fresh air and sunshine! The field for this scramble format event is limited to 72 golfers, so get your registration in soon! (Sorry – no MCLE.)

The deadline for reservation and payment is June 16, 2004!



Event Schedule:

Noon	Registration
1:00 p.m.	Shotgun Start
6:00 p.m.	BBQ Dinner



MAIL REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT TO:

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 SDIPLA Secretary
 Cooley Godward LLP
 4401 Eastgate Mall
 San Diego, CA 92121

Contact Person _____

Firm/Company _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Staying for Dinner?*

Golfer: _____	Y/N	\$ _____
Golfer: _____	Y/N	\$ _____
Golfer: _____	Y/N	\$ _____
Golfer: _____	Y/N	\$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

No refunds for cancellations after June 16, 2004

*Please let us know whether you plan to stay for dinner so no food is wasted.



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AGENT POSITION SOUGHT

Patent Agent (BSc. in Mathematics and Physics) with **6 years** experience in Patent Prosecution of Hardware, Software, and Mechanical Patents seeking Immediate Full-Time Position to work in the area of Patent Prosecution.

Resume (with samples of issued U.S. patents to date) and References will be provided upon request.

Relocating to Irvine Area with Fiancé for immediate placement. Please contact **Paul Taylor** at +1 (780) 699-9999 or via email at paul_taylor@shaw.ca.

Assistant General Counsel-IP

Job Description

Service entire range of in-house intellectual property needs including patent drafting and invention solicitation in the company's technologies; client counseling and opinions; due diligence on technology acquisitions; confidentiality, material transfer, research and licensing agreements; supervision of trademark matters; manage external counsel relationships.

Qualifications

J.D., California state bar and U.S. PTO admissions; B.S. in molecular biology, biochemistry, cell biology or related science (advance degree preferred); top academics; 3-5 years experience in preparing and prosecuting US and foreign patent applications in pharmaceutical areas of biotechnology; experience in validity and infringement analyses and opinions; and patent licensing, trademark and litigation experience desirable.

Education

BA/BS (Advanced degree preferred)
JD

All interested parties should visit www.biogenidec.com to post

Silicon Valley Seminars'

2004 Workshop Schedule

U.S. PATENTS & the PATENT PROCESS

(Secretaries • Paralegals • New Patent Attorneys/
Agents)

LA 4/1

San Fran Area 5/13

San Francisco 10/28

The PCT & the PCT PROCESS

(Secretaries • Paralegals • Patent Attorneys/Agents)

Los Angeles 4/19

San Diego 4/20

PATENTS & PATENT CLAIM DRAFTING

(Patent Attorneys/Agents)

Los Angeles 4/2, 3 • San Fran Area 5/14, 15

San Fran Area (Summer and new Associates/agents,
July 12, 13

San Fran Area 10/29, 30

TRADEMARKS & and the TRADEMARK PROCESS

(Secretaries • Paralegals • Attorneys)

San Francisco 6/15 • San Diego 6/16

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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. Contact Kent Walker if you would like to place an ad or announcement.

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Upcoming SDIPLA Events

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May 2004	SDIPLA Dinner Meeting	EPO Attorneys Hugh Dunlop and/or Alex Schlee on European Patent Rules and Procedures. Date to be announced— Likely May 13.
July 16, 2004	Golf Tournament	Second Annual SDIPLA Charity Golf Tournament for the benefit of San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program.