



# SDIPLA News

## Upcoming Events:

### October 28, 2010 Dinner Meeting

**Gene Quinn of IP Watchdog will speak regarding:  
“Patent Blogging: Perils, Profits, Highs, Lows, How to Stay Out of  
Trouble While Still Being Read and how to Generate Clients  
and Connections”**

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#### Date/Time/Location:

October 28, 2010  
6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.  
Del Mar Marriott  
11966 El Camino Real  
San Diego, CA 92130

#### Directions:

From I-5 exit Carmel Valley Road  
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North on El Camino  
West on Valley Centre Drive

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**November 9, 2010, 9:00 AM**

**Connect Public Policy Forum: PTO's Proposed  
Three Track Examination Process:  
A Review of the Benefits and Pitfalls**

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**(listed alphabetically)**

# October 28, 2010 Dinner Meeting

“Patent Blogging: Perils, Profits, Highs, Lows, How to Stay out of Trouble While Still Being Read and How to Generate Clients and Connections”

**Thursday October 28, 2010**

**Dinner Meeting  
Del Mar Marriott**

Registration: 6:00 p.m.  
Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.  
Discussion: 7:30 p.m.

**Menu:**

Fresh Seasonal Salad

With one of the following entrees:

- Chicken**
- Salmon**
- Vegetarian**

Dessert  
Coffee and Tea

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**MEAL PRICES**

SDIPLA members: \$65.00 *(plus Acteva service fee)*  
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**Dinner Registration and payment is due no later than October 25, 2010.**

**Please fill out a separate form for Each Attendee**

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Entrée Choice:            \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken            \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon            \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

# INTERNET SIGHTINGS

**By: Jim Hawes**

This column highlights some of the more notable recent internet notices, newsletters and blogs dealing with IP prosecution issues.

**Hal Wegner's** newsletter – a lot of great stuff – Contact: [hwegner@foley.com](mailto:hwegner@foley.com)

The 9/1/10 newsletter reports that Lynne Beresford has been reappointed Commissioner of Trademarks for a term ending in August 2015. About time.

On 9/1/10 the PTO announced implementation of the new 24 month provisional application practice on a trial basis. See Hal's analysis.

The 9/15/10 post reports that the top patent filings for '08 were` China (980K), Japan (390K), US (290K), Korea (240K) and Taiwan (110K).

**Patently-O** – a blog written by Dennis Crouch – [www.patentlyo.com](http://www.patentlyo.com).

The 9/3/10 blog reports that the PTO has issued an updated 18pp. guideline for determining obviousness. Check the PTO website.

The 9/4/10 email gives current data on BPAI backlog and decisions. The average time now from appeal to decision is 29 months. Ugh.

The 9/13/10 post reports the American Medical Systems CAFC decision and the proper construction of a claim preamble.

Another 9/13/10 post (re. compact prosecution) includes a comment asserting that nearly 1/3 of solo patent attys. are 60 or older.

A 9/14/10 email discusses the Tri-Star Electronics CAFC decision holding an assignment to a defunct corp. employer valid to transfer title to a successor corporation.

The 9/29/10 blog discusses patent term adjustment when a rejection is withdrawn following filing of the appeal brief.

**Carl Oppedahl** – emails of PCT practice matters: [oppedahl.com/pct](http://oppedahl.com/pct).

The Oppedahl firm offers free audio lectures on various aspects of patent practice tied to old patent bar exam questions.

The 9/17/10 email points out that the wording in PTO forms tends to lag behind practice developments, so don't take them literally.

The 9/22/10 note discusses and compares the five searching authorities available to US applicants, including their fees.

The 9/25/10 message presents considerations relevant to selecting a search and examination authority.

The 9/27/10 email set forth much useful PCT information including the limitations on amendments in a "Highway" case.

**Patent Docs** – focusing on biotech and pharma patent issues – see [patentdocs.org](http://patentdocs.org)

Beginning last month the PTO will now accept interviews by those filing an Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form.

The 9/16/10 doc reports that the PTO has begun a patent examiner technical training program using outside lecturers.

The 9/28/10 doc reports that WIPO has launched an online compilation of national IP laws and treaties.

**IPWatchdog** – a patents and patent law blog – [watchdog.com](http://watchdog.com).

The 9/15/10 blog found from a recent study that PTO disciplinary actions don't lead, but just follow, state actions.

**TTABlog** – a blog written by John Welch – [www.TTABlog.com](http://www.TTABlog.com)

The 9/9/10 blog reports that the mark "Corporate Fuel" was approved for registration by the TTAB without disclaimer of "Corporate," the mark being a unitary phrase.

The 9/15/10 email reports that two new judges have joined the TTAB, bringing the total to 19 judges.

**Copyright Office News** – [copynews@loc.gov](mailto:copynews@loc.gov)

.A reminder – many Copyright Office fees changed August 1, 2009.

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