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Why You Should Attend
Rapid changes in patent law make it necessary that, whether you are the plaintiff’s or defendant’s counsel, you are up to date on the current state of the law and can quickly develop successful litigation strategies and tactics. This program is taught by a faculty of both outside and in-house lawyers who have earned national reputations in patent litigation by trying and managing a wide variety of bench and jury patent trials, as well as U.S. Patent Office post-grant trial proceedings, and provides comprehensive coverage of every phase of these patent matters. This year’s program also features views from U.S. District Court Judges, who will provide their insights on the state of patent litigation, management of patent litigation, as well as practical tips for litigants. Through this comprehensive program, you will be able to hone your patent litigation skills in just two days.

What You Will Learn
Introducing New and Enhanced Topics
• Recent developments affecting patent litigation practice and case strategies, including current and future impacts of key Supreme Court and Federal Circuit decisions, as well as proposed legislation
• District Court Judges share their views on managing patent litigation, recent trends, and tips for efficient case disposition (featuring two separate Judges sessions!)
• NEW! Demonstration of an effective opening statement in a patent case from the plaintiff and from the defendant, including commentary from a jury consultant
• Strategies for multi-party litigation, joint defense groups, indemnification, and indirect and divided infringement claims
• A session directed to advanced strategy and tactics in the complex world of patent litigation, parallel PTO proceedings and business considerations
• Trends in patent remedies: damages, injunctions and ongoing royalties where an injunction is not granted

Special Feature
• Earn one hour of Ethics credit!

Who Should Attend
Patent litigators and lawyers in patent firms who advise clients in disputes that may lead to litigation, examination or post-grant proceedings at the Patent Office; general business litigators whose practice includes patent trials; patent prosecutors whose actions in preparing and prosecuting patents are critical in providing support for the proper claim construction and in assessing infringement and invalidity issues; and corporate counsel who will have the responsibility for supervising patent litigation, interpreting its progress for management, and pursuing opportunities for settlement, as well as those who are responsible for a company’s overall patent strategy.

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Morning Session: 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

9:00
Program Overview
CHI: Jeanne M. Gills
NYC, ATL, CLE, NB & WEB: Christopher K. Hu

9:15
Recent Developments and Their Effects on Patent Litigation
This session is a broad review of the important decisions of the Supreme Court, Federal Circuit and District Courts over the past year, as well as of still-emerging and developing effects of the America Invents Act (AIA) and proposed legislation to address concerns about the uses and misuses of patent litigation as an economic weapon. Key trends and developing patent law doctrines will also be covered. A particular focus will be on the Supreme Court’s increased interest in patent cases and the effect of recent Supreme Court decisions, how and if they differ from existing Federal Circuit jurisprudence and whether they clarified the law.
CHI: Brent A. Hawkins, Sharon A. Hwang
NYC, ATL, CLE, NB & WEB: Elaine Herrmann Blais

10:15
Acts of Multiple Parties – When Do They Constitute Patent Infringement?
In a world that is increasingly connected by networks with services provided by multiple entities, and in which complex products are made up of components from numerous sources, issues of infringement based on the acts of multiple parties arise far more frequently. This session will cover the constantly evolving law following the Supreme Court’s ruling in Limelight v. Akamai relating to infringement where not all steps are performed or all components supplied by one entity. The relationship between the entities necessary for a finding of infringement will also be covered, including the effect of the recent Federal Circuit decisions. This session will also discuss recent cases on the standards for determining other forms of multi-party infringement, including inducement of infringement and contributory infringement, and the impact of the Supreme Court’s ruling in Commv. Cisco.
CHI: John A. Marlott, Laura Beth Miller
NYC, ATL, CLE, NB & WEB: Carol White

11:15
Networking Break

11:30
The Emergence of 101 and 112 as Viable Defenses in Patent Litigation
Given the recent Alice, Nautilus and Williamson decisions, have patents become more vulnerable on § 101 and § 112 grounds? Did the U.S. Supreme Court’s Alice decision adequately clarify the law with respect to the patentability of business methods or other software-implemented inventions? Similarly, has the Supreme Court provided enough of a roadmap in Nautilus on the thorndy issue of indefiniteness? Even in the § 112 context, the issue of indefiniteness continues to be explored more in contentious patent litigation, e.g., Williamson v. Citrix. This session will discuss the current state of the law in this area and winning strategies for both plaintiffs and defendants when § 101 and § 112 claims are raised, including whether venue matters on whether a dispositive motion on one of these issues will be granted/denied.
CHI: G. Courtney Holohan, Neil C. Jones
NYC, ATL, CLE, NB & WEB: Carolyn H. Blankenship

12:30
Lunch Break

Afternoon Session: 1:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1:45
Parallel Patent Office Proceedings
Initially post-grant proceedings in the U.S. Patent Office continue to be a strategy for parties against whom a patent has been asserted. A Patent Office proceeding might be initiated in anticipation of litigation or filed soon after litigation has begun. A parallel Patent Office proceeding is often a basis for seeking a stay of the more costly district court proceeding and/or used to bring the patentee to the bargaining table. Recent statistics reflect the continued popularity of filing of inter partes review (IPR) and covered business method review (CBM) proceedings following AIA, as well as a high rate of success. Patent Office proceedings are also attractive because a more specialized tribunal may be beneficial for certain technical defenses. This session will also address the effects of any such post-grant proceedings on litigation, including stays, as well as the potential effects on collateral estoppel, claim construction positions, willfulness charges, inequitable conduct claims, and on damages and intervening rights.
CHI: Jeff Costakos, James D. Smith
NYC, ATL, CLE, NB & WEB: Richard F. Martinelli

2:45
Patent litigation is an expensive, complex, disruptive and potentially economically fatal undertaking. Even before a patent litigation begins, both potential plaintiffs and defendants must make numerous judgment calls. For plaintiffs, these decisions include the extent of pre-suit (Rule 11) investigations, which defendant or defendants to sue, whether to negotiate with the other side, choice of forum, whether to seek a preliminary injunction, whether to initiate a parallel ITC proceeding, how aggressively to pursue the case, and when to file dispositive motions. For defendants, issues include whether to negotiate, initiate a proceeding in the U.S. Patent Office, or file a declaratory judgment action, and when to file dispositive motions. Common issues include the number and type of depositions to take (individual, Rule 30(b)(6) corporate designees and non-party), the timing of claim construction and the timing of dispositive motions. This session will feature a panel of experienced litigators who will discuss their views on the many judgment calls that must be made where there are no answers in the books.
CHI: Meredith Martin Addy
NYC, ATL, CLE, NB & WEB: Jeffrey K. Sherwood, Moderator; Tamera L. Fair, Samir Pandya

3:45
Networking Break

4:00
Joint Defense and Indemnification in Patent Litigation – How to Work with Others in the Same or a Sunken Boat
Parallel patent infringement actions are often brought at the same time against many different defendants. Joint defense agreements are often entered into for efficiency and consistency in defending the actions. However, there are negatives as well as positives and numerous possible pitfalls in entering into joint defense arrangements. This session will discuss the legal and practical considerations of working efficiently with co-defendants and their counsel, including negotiating joint defense agreements; managing costs and responsibilities among numerous parties where positions may conflict; strategies for when to take the lead and when to ride the wave; and managing related issues of indemnification.
CHI: Reginald J. Hill
NYC, ATL, CLE, NB & WEB: Jeffrey T. Zachmann

5:00
Adjourn
Patent litigation has long been recognized as a form of federal civil litigation that is typically more complex and expensive than the ordinary case. Because of this, much has been written about patent litigation, some of it complimentary and some not so flattering. On one hand, patent cases have been described as over-litigated, excessively contentious, tedious affairs during which far too many issues are raised at both the trial and appellate levels. District Court Judges present their views of patent litigation, including what’s good, what’s bad and what’s unnecessary. The Judges will discuss such topics as Local Patent Rules and Practice, managing multi-party litigation including scheduling issues, use of experts in patent cases, mediation and settlement of patent cases, and general practice tips for patent counsel.

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Recent Federal Circuit and District Court decisions reflect a trend towards damages awards based less on application of rules than on evidence of actual harm sustained. This session will review recent cases on all forms of remedies in the aftermath of recent Supreme Court Federal Circuit decisions, including the current state of the patent exhaustion doctrine. Other cases on lost profits, reasonable royalty, attorneys’ fees and other monetary damages and relief will be analyzed. The session will also discuss the practical ability to obtain injunctive relief ten years post-Eday and recent cases like Apple v. Samsung.

The Aftermath of Recent Federal Circuit Decisions

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Patent Remedies (Including Injunctions): The Aftermath of Recent Federal Circuit Decisions

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