



PATENT MASTERS SYMPOSIUM

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Program Agenda

Faculty: Paul Michel, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (ret.)
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Phil Johnson, Johnson-IP Strategy & Policy, former VP of IP at Johnson & Johnson
Bob Stoll, partner at Drinker Biddle, former Commissioner for Patents USPTO
Peter Harter, founder, The Farrington Group
Gene Quinn, patent attorney, founder and publisher of IPWatchdog.com

Schedule: 6 hours/day for 2 days; total of 12 hours (Virginia CLE Approved)
Virginia has reciprocity with many states, including TX, CA, NY, PA, FL and others.

Dates: Monday, July 30, 2018 and Tuesday, July 31, 2018

Materials: Course Book & PowerPoint

Sometimes it is important to know what is going on behind the scenes. *Patent Masters* was created to fill this need. *Patent Masters* is designed to be a high-level symposium for attorneys and professionals interested in an in-depth exploration of topical legal issues facing those that prosecute, litigate, license and monetize patents. Discussions will be led by some of the top thought leaders in the industry and will cover what is happening in the Courts, on Capitol Hill, and at the USPTO. Discussions will proceed under Chatham House Rules.

Monday, July 30, 2018

8:30am to 9:00am Registration & Continental Breakfast

AM Presenters

Judge Paul Michel & Gene Quinn

Session #1
9:00am to 10:00am

A Patent System Update: (1) The latest on the Courts; (2) Legislative proposals and action on Capitol Hill; (3) Suggestions for decision makers; (4) What to watch for in the future; (5) What practitioners and clients need to know.

10:00am to 10:15am

Break

Session #2
10:15am to 11:15am
Supreme Court Revisited: A discussion of Supreme Court patent cases, 2010 to present.

11:15am to 11:30am
Break

Session #3
11:30am to 12:30pm
Federal Circuit Review 2018: Important, decisions from the Federal Circuit.

12:30pm to 1:30pm
Lunch – Informal Discussion lead by **Peter Harter**

PM Presenters

Bob Stoll & Gene Quinn

Session #4
1:30pm to 2:30pm
Patent Office Update: (1) What is happening at the USPTO (reviewing statistics); (2) USPTO Initiatives, Rules and Pilot Programs.

2:30pm to 2:45pm
Break

Session #5
2:45pm to 3:45pm
Patent Eligibility at the Federal Circuit 2014-2016.

3:45pm to 4:00pm
Break

Session #6
4:00pm to 5:00pm
Federal Circuit Patent Eligibility 2017-2018
What the USPTO instructs examiners to do. A review some of the latest USPTO memoranda to the patent examining corps.

5:00pm to 6:30pm
Reception (Wine & Hors d'oeuvres)

7:00pm to 9:00pm
Dinner

Tuesday, July 31, 2017

8:30am to 9:00am
Registration & Continental Breakfast

AM Presenters

Phil Johnson & Gene Quinn

Session #7
9:00am to 10:00am
PTAB Update: (1) A history of the PTAB – America Invents Act to Rules Packages; (2) PTAB and the Administrative Procedures Act; (3) What is happening at the PTAB (reviewing statistics); (4) Latest (and likely) Rules Packages; and (5) What to watch for in the future.

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| 10:00am to 10:15am | Break |
| Session #8 10:15am to 11:15am | Patent Trial and Appeal Board Review – Precedential decisions and important decisions. |
| 11:15am to 11:30am | Break |
| Session #9 11:30am to 12:30pm | Federal Circuit – Important decisions re: PTAB. |
| 12:30pm to 1:30pm | Lunch – Informal Discussion lead by Peter Harter |
| PM Presenters | Todd Dickinson & Gene Quinn |
| Session #10 1:30pm to 2:30pm | Patent Law & Policy Update: Policies, Rules, Legislation and Trends. Understanding the Executive Branch, Congress and what rules, laws and policies leaders have supported and what they are likely to support/advocate moving forward (and why). A review of leading patent judges and tendencies/philosophies. |
| 2:30pm to 2:45pm | Break |
| Session #11 2:45pm to 3:45pm | Breaking down patent legislation past and present. |
| 3:45pm to 4:00pm | Break |
| Session #12 4:00pm to 5:00pm | Proposals for a better U.S. patent system: What is desirable? What is feasible? Why? |