LITIGATING INVENTORSHIP
WHEN AND HOW TO CHANGE NAMED INVENTORS ON AN ISSUED PATENT

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Patric J. Rawlins Patric counsels clients on many aspects of intellectual property law, including patent litigation as both plaintiff and defendant, as well as intellectual property counseling to protect patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets and licensing of intellectual property assets. He focuses on counseling clients regarding intellectual property including procurement strategies and licensing programs for software implemented technologies. Patric has extensive experience with strategic patent matters including accelerated patent applications, post grant patent matters including ex parte patent reexaminations, inter partes patent reexaminations, reissue patent applications and interferences. He leads Procopio’s Software practice.

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Gene Quinn is a patent attorney and a leading commentator on patent law and innovation policy. Mr. Quinn has twice been named one of the top 50 most influential people in IP by Managing IP Magazine, in both 2014 and 2019. From 2017-2020, Mr. Quinn has also been recognized by IAM Magazine as one of the top 300 IP strategists in the world, and in 2021 he was recognized by IAM in their inaugural Strategy 300 Global Leaders list. Mr. Quinn founded IPWatchdog.com in 1999, and he is currently President & CEO of IPWatchdog, Inc. According to IAM Magazine, Mr. Quinn “has reshaped the IP debate in the United States in a way that has forced policymakers to carefully consider the macroeconomic effects of IP law and its potential to drive innovation and economic activity.”
Presentation Abstract

• At first blush, the notion of who is an inventor and owner of a patent appears to be a relatively straightforward question. Federal law sets forth, in broad strokes, the basic parameters governing those issues.

• What is not so clearly defined, however, is who actually qualifies to be a joint inventor on any unique set of facts. Not only that, precisely who may apply for a patent is very often misunderstood. Complicating matters further still is the ubiquity of invention and IP assignment agreements between employer and employee, which make contesting inventorship or ownership increasingly difficult.

• Litigating inventorship and seeking to change named inventors on an issued patent is increasingly common, as businesses and inventors demand greater control over intangible assets and, by extension, greater potential revenue from practicing or asserting the invention. The law on this topic, unfortunately, is surprisingly thin. Knowing how to prove or disprove standing to assert an inventorship challenge is essential for all successful innovators.

• On Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at 12 PM ET, please join Pattric Rawlins, partner at Procopio Cory Hargreaves & Savitch, and Eric Ludwig, founder of Ludwig, APC, in a wide-ranging conversation moderated by Gene Quinn, President & CEO of IPWatchdog.

• In this webinar a panel of experts will examine:
  • Who may be a named inventor on a patent?
  • Who may apply for a patent?
  • How would a joint inventor amend or contest inventorship of an issued patent?
  • What are the most significant issues facing a would-be joint inventor or patent owner, when it comes to litigating an inventorship contest?
  • What does case law have to say about a prospective inventor’s standing to sue, in face of an invention assignment agreement?
Inventors, Applicant, and Ownership

• Who may be a named inventor on a patent?

• Who may apply for a patent?

• Who may own a patent?
Amending and Contesting Inventorship

Cooperative correction via USPTO

Adverse correction via USPTO
Litigating Inventorship

• Impact of invention assignment agreements

• Prospective inventor’s standing to sue

• Proving Inventorship