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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Thomas J. Engellener

As my term as BPLA President draws to a close, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to make 2001 yet another successful year for the BPLA.

First, I thank the officers and board members. Bill Gosz, as President-Elect, has done a great job promoting committee activities and maintaining our website. Vice-President Peter Lando's efforts as newsletter editor, Treasurer Peter Corless' budgeting and planning support and Secretary Doreen Hogle's organizations skills were all greatly appre-

ciated. I also thank the other governors of the BPLA: David Thibodeau, Ingrid Beattie, Leslie Meyer-Leon and Lee Bromberg for their active participation, advice and insights at the monthly board meetings.

Regarding the BPLA seminars, workshops and other programs, I thank Maria Eliseeva and Brenda Whitcomb of the International Practice Committee and for organizing the Advanced PCT Practice seminar held in February, Leslie Meyer-Leon and James Foster of the Patent Law Committee and Bill Gosz for organizing the Festo seminar in March, Mert Thompson and Chris Centurelli for organizing the annual G. S. Rich Regional Moot Court Competition also in March, Karen Buchanan, Ed Porter and Lee Bromberg of the Computer Law Committee for preparing a workshop on business method

patents in April, Lisa Michaud for planning and organizing the Judges' Dinner in May, Peter Corless of the Chemical Practice Committee for organizing the PTO appellate and interference practice seminar in October, and Michelle Massicotte, Cindy Johnson and Andrea Jacob of the Trademark Practice Committee for organizing the workshop on trademark practice tips with Sharon Marsh of the Trademark Office, as well the luncheon talk by Judge Sams of the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board last month.

Finally, thanks again to Lisa Michaud, the BPLA Activities Chairperson for 2001, Brenda Whitcomb and my assistant Mona Robrish for help throughout the year and especially in planning the upcoming Annual Meeting on December 12, 2001. I hope to see you all there.

BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES SEMINAR

On October 26th the BPLA Chemical Practice Committee hosted a morning seminar on Practice Before the USPTO Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. The seminar featured Bruce H. Stoner, Jr., Chief Administrative Patent Judge of the USPTO Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, and Richard Torczon, Administrative Patent Judge.

Mr. Stoner opened the meeting with a presentation titled "A View from the Board" summarizing the statutory and procedural appellate review process, and the structure of the Board. He then detailed major accomplishments of the Board this

year including: disposing of 5126 appeals, reducing the inventory to 5050 appeals, terminating 193 interferences, and reducing the average interference pendency to 29 months.

Finally, Mr. Stoner described the Board's strategic goals for the next couple of years – by September 30, 2003: (1) decide appeals within approximately 6 months of receipt at the Board; and (2) terminate interferences within 24 months of declaration.

Mr. Torczon followed with a presentation titled "Contemporary Patent Inter-

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ANNUAL MEETING FEATURES ANNE CHASSER



The BPLA Annual Meeting featured Ann Chasser, Commissioner for Trademarks for the United States Patent Trademark Office.

The Meeting

was held on Wednesday, December 12, at the Seaport Hotel.

Anne Chasser, is the Director of Trademarks and Licensing Services at the Ohio State University, one of our nations's largest public research universities. She has been involved in collegiate licensing since the late 1970's and estab-

lished The Ohio State University Licensing Program in 1982 which is currently ranked third among all American colleges and universities in the amount of revenue generated per year from trademark licensing.

Ms. Chasser is a recognized expert in the business and economics of trademarks, collegiate trademark licensing, and Internet related trademark issues and has a strong track record of successfully managing organizational change, business development, continuous quality improvement and strategic planning.

At the time of her nomination, Ms. Chasser was the President of the International Trademark Association (INTA), a trade association with over 3,600 members from 120 countries. She has also

served within INTA as Executive Vice President, Vice President for Trademark Affairs and Policies, Vice President for Programs, Education and Publications, Treasurer, and member of the Board of Directors.

Ms. Chasser was a founder of the Association of Collegiate Licensing Administrators, an association of 300 U.S. and international collegiate trademark administrators, licensees and affiliated organizations, and served as its President in 1990.

Ms. Chasser received a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Dayton and a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Management from The Ohio State University.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE USPTO VIA FACSIMILE

In view of delays in mail delivery in recent days, we at the USPTO would like to encourage you to communicate with the USPTO via facsimile. Facsimile transmissions may be used for correspondence as set forth in 37 CFR 1.6 such as: amendments, petitions for extension of time, authorization to charge a deposit account, an IDS, terminal disclaimers, a notice of appeal, an appeal brief, CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d), and RCEs.

PTO Form 2038 should be used when authorizing payment by credit card; this form is maintained separate from the file to ensure confidentiality.

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TERMINATION OF THE SUSPENSION OF THE “EXPRESS MAIL” SERVICE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

On Friday, November 16, 2001, the United States Postal Service (USPS) temporarily suspended Express Mail service to Washington, D.C., ZIP Codes 202xx through 205xx (e.g., 20231).

On Tuesday, November 20, 2001, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) posted a notice on its Internet Web site (<http://www.uspto.gov/september11/uspsmaildisrup.htm>) establishing an Arlington, VA 22202 address for use on an emergency basis for patent-related correspondence being delivered to the USPTO by the USPS's Express Mail service.

On Thursday, November 29, 2001, the USPS indicated that this suspension of Express Mail service has been terminated. Since the USPS has terminated this suspension of Express Mail service, patent-related correspondence being delivered to the USPTO by the USPS (either by first class or Express Mail service) should now be addressed as set forth in 37 CFR 1.1(a)(1); that is, patent-related correspondence should now be addressed:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 2023

While the USPTO prefers that patent-related correspondence be addressed as set

forth in 37 CFR 1.1(a)(1) (i.e., to the above Washington, DC 20231 address), the USPTO will continue to accept patent-related correspondence at the Arlington, VA 22202 address indicated in the notice published on November 20, 2001 on the USPTO's Internet Web site and treat such correspondence as if it were addressed as set forth in 37 CFR 1.1 for purposes of 37 CFR 1.8 and 1.10 until further notice.

Questions concerning this notice should be directed to Cynthia Nessler, Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration at (703) 308-6906.

NAVIGATING THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD AND USPTO TRADEMARK PRACTICE

By Doreen M. Hogle of Hamilton, Brook, Smith & Reynolds

On Wednesday, November 14, 2001, the Trademarks and Unfair Competition Committee of the Boston Patent Law Association (co-chairs Andrea Jacobs of Edwards & Angell and Cynthia Johnson of Fish & Richardson) sponsored a seminar at the Boston Harbor Hotel. Guest speakers were the Chief Administrative Trademark Judge of the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, Chief Judge J. David Sams, and the Administrator of Policy Control of the Office of the Commissioner for Trademarks, Ms. Sharon Marsh. The luncheon was attended by 90 members and moderated by Ms. Johnson and Ms. Michelle Massicotte, also from Fish & Richardson.

Chief Judge Sams gave a "snapshot" of the TTAB today, with a brief introduction to the current mission of the TTAB: to resolve trademark disputes quickly using sound legal principles. Judge Sams also presented some interesting statistics on the TTAB. For example, Judge Sams indicated that many applications are allowed shortly after filing an appeal. For those cases that do go on through the appeal process to a final decision, the TTAB affirms 70-75% of the Examining Attorneys' final refusals. Fewer than 5% of the oppositions/cancellations filed go to final decision because the TTAB encourages settlement. Since 1996 the number of appeals that have been filed have been going up, but not filings of oppositions or cancellation, consequently the pendency of TTAB decisions has decreased to an average of nine weeks in 2001. Judge Sams also described efforts implemented to expedite the TTAB workflow, including a pilot program of telephone conference calls to hear motions. He also discussed the TTAB website where copies of OG announcements, the TTAB Manual of Procedure and TTAB decisions

are available. Finally Judge Sams described three essentials needed for successful navigation of the TTAB: "technical skills" including knowledge of the jurisdictional limits of the Board; a "detailed chart" obtained by following the TTAB Manual of Procedure and having a "sound vessel" by filing only meritorious cases.

Sharon Marsh discussed the progress of ratifying the Madrid Protocol Implementation Act by the U.S. Congress and the changes brought about by the passage of the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2001. Ms. Marsh also discussed the current workload of the Trademark Office indicating that trademark filings decreased by 21% in FY 2001 and that examining attorneys are now issuing first Office Actions in 2.5 to 3 months. This has freed up time to work on special projects, such as issuing a revised Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure (TMEP), revising the classification manual and improving customer service. In particular, the Office would start a quality review program where first Office Actions would be reviewed for quality and consistency. In addition the Office would begin to review cases appealed after final refusal and then allowed shortly after filing an appeal. Ms. Marsh strongly encouraged practitioners to electronically file applications, use electronic forms and e-mail communications to the Office. Finally, Ms. Marsh described a major revision to Miscellaneous Service Class 42 under the 8th Edition of the Nice Agreement, which goes into effect January 1, 2002. Class 42 has been divided into three additional classes (Class 43, 44 and 45) to more specifically describe the services covered. After the guest speakers' presentations, a workshop was held with a panel discussion in which the panelists discussed topics of interest involving Trademark Office

and TTAB practice. The panelists represented diverse perspectives, including industry: Alana Sharenow of Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc. and Andrew D'Amico of the Bose Corporation; private practice: Thomas Smurzynski of Lahive & Cockfield and Peter Baylor of Nutter, McClennen & Fish; and the Trademark Office: Judge Sams and Ms. Marsh. The panelists were queried by Ms. Johnson and the audience on topics such as clearance searches, the use of written opinions, electronic filings, overcoming descriptiveness and likelihood of confusion rejections, consent agreements and letters of protest.

MEMBERS APPROVE INCORPORATION

At a special meeting for members called on November 14, 2001, and held prior to the "Navigating TTAB and USPTO Trademark Practice" seminar, the Articles of Incorporation were presented to the membership.

The motion to accept the Articles was passed by a unanimous vote. The Articles will be filed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The complete Articles can be reviewed on the BPLA website.

MANAGING & RESOLVING PATENT DISPUTES

Suffolk University Law School along with Journal of High Technology presents the Sixth Annual high Technology Law Conference "Managing & Resolving Patent Disputes".

The Conference will be held on Friday, March 8th, 2002 from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. For further information call (617) 573-8627 or visit www.law.suffolk.edu/als.

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ference Issues.” Mr. Torczon summarized interference practice, and contrasted old and new rules. He distilled the complexity of interference practice into the core issues of priority of invention (35 U.S.C. 102 (g)(1)) and derivation (35 U.S.C. 102 (f)) – asserting that everything else was a “side-show.”

Mr. Torczon then added some practical tips for practitioners, including:

(1) claims must be timely and supported;

(2) use the Interference Practice Specialist in the Technology Centers to facilitate these matters;

(3) provide claim charts to examiners;

(4) do not use interferences as “cancellations”;

(5) before provoking an interference get your own “house in order” (use divisional applications, check inventorship, check if reissue is necessary); and

(6) develop strategies early and come to conferences prepared.

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However, the Office currently does not permit new application filings (other than a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d)), requests for reexamination, drawings, and certain correspondence set forth in 37 CFR 1.6(d) by facsimile. Applicants, however, are encouraged to file certain applications via the Patent Electronic Filing System. Please refer to our Web Site, at <http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/efs/index.html> for information regarding our Electronic Filing System and how to use it.

In addition to these methods of communication, the Office is currently reviewing other electronic communication means and will update this site with information as these options are implemented.



Pictured above are Bruce H. Stoner, Jr., Chief Administrative Patent Judge of the USPTO Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, and Richard Torczon, Administrative Patent Judge.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

President Thomas Engellenner had previously appointed Timothy French, David Conlin, and David J. Thibodeau, Jr to a Nominating Committee to select members to be nominated as Officers and to the Board of Governors for 2002.

The Committee nominees are as follows:

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CORPORATE PRACTICE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Corporate Practice Committee sponsored a BPLA speaker/luncheon meeting on January 31, 2001 at Anthony's Pier IV restaurant on the Boston waterfront.

The guest speaker was Charles Cella, Esq., CEO of the website called BountyQuest.com. Attorney Cella is a member of the BPLA and was an attorney at Foley, Hoag & Eliot in Boston where he founded the firm's patent prosecution group.

Attorney Cella discussed the founding of BountyQuest and investors in BountyQuest such as Jeff Bezos, CEO of Amazon.com. He described how \$10,000.00 bounties are posted on his website for awarding to anyone who finds prior art that may invalidate a U.S. patent. Attorney Cella announced at our luncheon, that BountyQuest had just awarded its first four \$10,000.00 cash prizes.

The next speaker/luncheon meeting is planned for January 30, 2002, also at Anthony's Pier IV restaurant and the topic of discussion will be "Work Product and

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 12, 2001

Program:

Annual Meeting -Guest Speaker:
 Trademark Commissioner,
 Anne H. Chasser

Location:

Seaport Hotel

Time:

11:30 am - 2:00 pm

January 30, 2002

Program:

Luncheon Meeting - Work Product and Attorney-Client Prililege for In-house Counsel

Location:

Anthony's Pier 4

Time:

TBD

Attorney-Client Privilege for in-house Counsel." Although notices will be mailed to members. Anyone interested in attending may call Mary Dawson at 978-452-1971.

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2001 WRITING COMPETITION AWARDS

Awards for the 2001 BPLA Writing Competition will be awarded at the BPLA Annual Meeting to David T. Dutcher and T. Whitney Chandler.

David T. Dutcher will be awarded first prize for his paper entitled "Patents on Methods of Doing Business," which was submitted to Harvard Law School Professor William Lee in fulfillment of Harvard Law School's third-year paper requirement.

Mr. Dutcher received his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 2001, and is presently an associate for Perkins Coie LLP, Seattle, WA.

Second prize will be awarded to T. Whitney Chandler, for his paper entitled "Prosecution History Estoppel, the Doctrine of Equivalents, and the Scope of Patents," which appeared in the summer 2000 edition of the journal *Harvard Journal of Law & Technology*.

Mr. Chandler received his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 2000. Mr. Chandler is presently a law clerk for Judge William Young of the District Court of Massachusetts, and in the spring of 2002, will become an associate with Skjervén, Morrill, MacPherson LLP of San Francisco CA.

Announcement

Please note that Hamilton, Brook, Smith & Reynolds, P.C. has relocated.

Their new postal address and contact numbers are as follows:

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