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## **Honors and Awards**







# **IP LEGAL NEWS AND UPDATES**

**New USPTO Patent Fees Take Effect March 19, 2013** Robert Kinberg, Fabian M. Koenigbauer, and Michael A. Sartori, Ph.D.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") recently revealed a revised Patent fee schedule which changes the fees for any fee paid on or after March 19, 2013. While this is the first time the USPTO has set its own fees since receiving the authority to do so under the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act, this is the third time since passage of the Act that the fees have increased. With certain exceptions, most patent fees during prosecution are increasing.

# Federal Circuit Clears a Path for Defendant Motions to Transfer with *In re EMC Corp.* Order Carly S. Levin

On January 29, 2013, the Federal Circuit issued its second mandamus decision in *In re EMC Corp.*, 2013 (Fed. Cir. Jan. 29, 2013). Although the appellate court ultimately denied a petition for a writ directing the district court to transfer venue from the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, the decision holds some promise for defendants seeking a venue transfer in patent cases.

#### *Kirtsaeng v. John Wiley & Sons, Inc.*: A Brief History of a Long-Anticipated Case Krista S. Coons

As we noted late last year in *Kirtsaeng v. John Wiley & Sons:* How the Supreme Court Will Decide the Fate of eBay, Libraries, and Yard Sales (IP Buzz- December 2012), the Supreme Court is presently considering a case that is expected to resolve the decades old tension between copyright law's first sale doctrine, codified at 17 U.S.C. §109(a), and the importation restriction found in 17 U.S.C. §602(a). However, this won't be the first time that the Court has been confronted with this issue – the intersection of these provisions has twice appeared before the Court in the past fifteen years alone.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

#### Venable's Trademark Group and Attorneys Recognized in WTR 1000

Venable's Trademark practice has been recognized by the prestigious *World Trademark Review 1000-2013* and four of its attorneys have been individually ranked. The practice was ranked in the "Silver Tier" for Prosecution and Strategy and the firm's Enforcement and Litigation Practice was ranked in the "Bronze Tier." Among the individual attorney rankings, Mark Harrison and Andrew Price were ranked in the silver tier for the second year in a row and Janet Satterthwaite and Justin Pierce were ranked in the bronze tier. All were ranked in the category of Prosecution and Strategy.

#### Technology Transfer Tactics quotes Lars Genieser on prior art

Venable associate Lars Genieser was quoted in an article in the February 2013 issue of *Technology Transfer Tactics* newsletter on the expansion of what constitutes prior art under the America Invents Act (AIA).

Is There a One Size Fits All Reasonable Person Standard? U.S. and Canadian Perspectives on Ad Interpretation

March 1, 2013

Washington, DC

Venable associate David D. Conway will moderate "Is There a One Size Fits All Reasonable Person Standard? U.S. and Canadian Perspectives on Ad Interpretation" for the ABA Section of Antitrust Law and the Canadian Bar Association.

For additional insight into this topic, click here to read Mr. Conway's recent blog posting.

The Challenge of Faculty Consulting Agreements: To Review or Not to Review

March 2, 2013 San Antonio, TX

Michael A. Gollin will present "The Challenge of Faculty Consulting Agreements: To Review or Not to Review" on March 2, 2013 at the AUTM 2013 Annual Meeting.

For more information and registration, please click here.

Patent Pragmatics: Patent Trolls and The America Invents Act

March 20, 2013 Greenwich, CT

Frank M. Gasparo will present "Patent Pragmatics: Patent Trolls and The America Invents Act" on March 20, 2013 for the Westchester/Southern Connecticut (WESFACCA) Chapter of The Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC).

Please click here to register for this event.

**Realizing Value Through Patents** 

March 26, 2013 Webinar

Lars H. Genieser, Ph.D. will present "Realizing Value Through Patents" on March 26, 2013 in a webinar hosted by the LARTA Institute.

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