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MSBA Special Committee On Intellectual Property (MSBA IPC)

4/25/07 Draft - Minutes of April 18, 2007 Teleconference

Attendees: Cheryl Slay, Kathryn Goldman, Sherry Flax, Mike Yang, Mohammad Rahman, Donna Thomas, Bill Fryer, Vasilios Peros, Larry Guffey

1. Approval of the Minutes from our 3/21/07 Meeting
2. Communications Subcommittee – Mike Oliver, oliver@bowie-jensen.com (also BM, MY)
Podcast of our 3/30 Seminar made available online
Logo – Mike Yang to share with Mike Oliver his group’s method for creating their logo
Minor website modifications to be made (e.g., add all subcommittee members names; geographic search capabilities)
Would like to try to move ahead with previously postponed survey in May
3. Membership Subcommittee – Kathryn Goldman, kgoldman@charmcitylegal.com (also VP)
Headcount – 151 + ~4
~ 73% of IPC membership has registered online – Kathryn to circulate list of non-registrants for inquiries by us as to why they haven’t registered
Solicitation of IP attorneys registered in MSBA database – Kathryn proceeding
Email solicitation of patent attorneys – Vasilios & Bill to develop and circulate list of MD law firms with patent attorneys; we’ll decide among ourselves who should invite these firms to join our group; maybe let MSBA office help; postpone further direct attorney solicitations until the Fall
4. Program Subcommittee – Donna Thomas, dthomas@agtlawyers.com (also FM, CS)
May Breakfast Presentation on “Patent Troll” topic in late May in Columbia or Montgomery County – Chris Rueppel to circulate summary of his proposed remarks; others to look for possible co-presenter & get this info to Donna in next 7 days so that a decision can be made in next 10-14 days on whether such a presentation can be scheduled
MSBA Annual Mtg., 6/14: Panel Discussion – “Interesting Bedfellows: How Intellectual Property Mixes With Other Practice Areas” – Donna to comply with latest MSBA requests
Networking Opportunity/Party to be scheduled in Fall
5. Publications Subcommittee – Ned Himmelrich – nhimmelrich@gfrlaw.com (also SF)
Articles being solicited until 5/1 for January 2008 “IP Issue” of Bar Journal; two themes being considered (“Information explosion: Taming legal rights on the Internet” or “How the Life Sciences wave affects the general practitioner”)
More offers of articles expected than there is space available; should possibly consider publishing Section Publication on a periodic basis
6. Administration – Larry J. Guffey, larry@guffeylaw.com
Presentation of Recommended Section Bylaws (see attached – actual and summary) – Donna provided detailed feedback and will follow-up with email to Larry; because of time constraints, agreed to approve current version subject to Donna’s revisions & such other

revisions as the Bylaws Comm. may find appropriate so as to enable proposed Bylaws to be distributed to membership ASAP. Larry to provide Organizational Chart (see attached)

Creation of Nominating Committee (NC) – Larry, chair, joined by Vasilios, Donna, Sherry and Larry Laubscher & Bill Ramsey (if they will serve). Effort made in this instance to comprise the NC of subcomm. chairs, appointed IPC members and non-appointed, volunteer members of the IPC. Need to identify and draft nominees for Secretary/Treasurer, Chair Elect and up to 18 Section Council Members-at-Large and identify their Committee assignments and terms.

Nominations to be presented @ next meeting

Budget – balance of \$667.00

7. Next Meeting Date: Noon teleconference on Thursday, May 17, 2007.

Organizational Chart

Intellectual Property Law Section

Section Council:

Chair

Communications Vice Chair & Communications Committee	Program Vice Chair & Program Committee	Publications Vice Chair & Publications Committee	Membership Vice Chair & Membership Committee	Secretary/ Treasurer	“Other” (later formed) Section Comm. Chairs & Their Committees
Section Council Members-at- Large	Section Council Members-at- Large	Section Council Members-at- Large	Section Council Members-at- Large		Section Council Members- at-Large
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(Above numbers represent the possible Committee assignments for the 14-18 Section Council Members-at-Large who are expected to make their greatest contributions to the Section by their activities in pursuit of the goals of the Section Committee on which they serve)

General Section Members:

(Expect to number between 150 – 300 in the 2007-2008 Bar Year)

General Section Members Serving on the Communications Committee	General Section Members Serving on the Program Committee	General Section Members Serving on the Publications Committee	General Section Members Serving on the Membership Committee	General Section Members Serving on the “other” Committees
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General Section Members Who Elect To Not Serve on Any Section Committee

Larry J. Guffey, 4/18/07