

MINUTES

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION, MSBA

SECTION MEETING (FIRST)

DATE: January 8, 2008

PLACE: Renaissance Harborplace Hotel
202 E. Pratt Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

PRESENT: Vasilios Peros, Joseph Contresa, Tina Katcheves, Sherry Flax, Mike Yang, Mike Oliver, Steven DeSmet, Bill Ramsey, Mohammad Rahman, Bill Fryer, Matt Gallagher, Donna Thomas, Susan Roberto-Saidi, Karen Maher Davis, Michael Ebaugh, Ned Himmelrich, Larry Guffey.

The meeting was called to order by Larry Guffey at 6:55 p.m.

1. By-Laws. Larry introduced the By-Laws which have undergone extensive drafting and redrafting by various Section members. By majority vote, the By-Laws were adopted by the Section.
2. Committee Reports.

Programs. Donna Thomas reported that there will be four IP programs in 2008: March (patents), May (licensing), September (employment) and November (government contracts). In addition, we will present a seminar at the Bar Convention in June 2008, and perhaps do a MICPEL program.

Publications. Sherry Flax reported that the IP issue of the Maryland Bar Journal is out. The Committee is seeking articles for the Bar Bulletin which has a February 20 deadline. There will be an annual IP law update distributed at the Bar Convention in June. The Committee is looking into sending IP alerts to the membership on new developments. Anyone interested in joining the Committee should contact Sherry.

Communications. Mike Oliver reported that he has been running the website for the Section and has been working with MSBA to help with the websites of other Sections. We will soon be able to add photographs to the website. A "members only" section is also in the works. If we are going to have a newsletter, Mike recommends that it be electronic only. Larry raised the issue of a calendar of events which can be put on the website. Anyone who would like to work with the Committee should contact Mike.

Membership. Kathryn Goldman was unable to attend. Mohammad Rahman spoke about targeting broad areas of lawyers. Larry discussed the difference between MSBA registered

members who have indicated an interest or practice area in IP, and the online Section membership list.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Morgan
Secretary