26th Annual Symposium on Intellectual Property
Law and Policy

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024
8:00AM-5:30PM

Agenda

8:00 – 8:45 a.m.  Registration and Hot Breakfast

8:50 – 9:00 a.m.  Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mark Schultz – Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company Endowed Chair in Intellectual Property Law & Director of the Center for Intellectual Property Law and Technology, The University of Akron School of Law

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  Developing Guidelines for Ethical and Effective Use of AI

Jon Wood, Wood IP Law (Moderator)
The Hon. Charles Boudreau, Judge, Patent Trial and Appeal Board, USPTO
John Cheek, Vice President, Intellectual Property & Legal Operations, Tenneco
Larry Drasner, Partner, Renner Otto
Sergey Vernyuk, Partner, Emerson Thomson Bennett

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  Best Practices for Protecting Trade Secrets in a World Where Non-Competes are Endangered

Camilla Hrdy, Professor of IP Law, University of Akron (Moderator)
Victoria Cundiff, Partner (ret.), Paul Hastings
Gary Corroto, Partner, Plakas Mannos
Jennifer Miller, Chief Legal Officer, Senior Vice President and Secretary, Renmatix
Richard Thurston, RLT Global Consulting (former Senior VP & GC, TSMC, Inc.)
11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break

11:15 - 12:15 p.m. Early Results from the UPC and Considerations for Patent Strategy

Robert Sterne, Sterne Kessler
Jennifer Enmon, Patent Counsel, Nestlé Health Science
Jeffery Langer, General Counsel, Zoeller
Mario Pozzi, Partner, Siblex

12:15 – 1:30 p.m. Keynote

Andrei Iancu, Partner, Sullivan & Cromwell, Former USPTO Director

1:30 – 2:00 p.m. Copyright Small Claims Board Report

The Hon. Monica McCabe, Copyright Claims Officer, Copyright Claims Board, U.S. Copyright Office

2:00 – 2:30 p.m. The CHIPS and Science Act: IP Issues and Opportunities

Richard Thurston, RLT Global Consulting (former Senior VP & GC, TSMC, Inc.)

2:30 – 2:45 p.m. Break

2:45 - 3:45 p.m. IP Actions at the International Trade Commission

Michael Doane, Professor, University of Akron School of Law (Moderator)
Evan Langdon, Partner, Fabricant, LLP
Mark Whitaker, Partner, Morrison Foerster

3:45 – 4:15 p.m. Trademarks and Free Speech

Angela Gott, Partner, Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff
4:15 – 5:30 p.m.  Judges Panel (1:15 hour)

Hon. Ryan Holte, Judge, U.S. Court of Federal Claims (Moderator)
The Hon. Kalyan Deshpande, Judge, Patent Trial and Appeal Board, USPTO
The Hon. James Grimes, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
The Hon. Monica McCabe, Copyright Claims Officer, Copyright Claims Board, U.S. Copyright Office

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