

PATENT LAW REFORM

America Invents Act: Exam & Critique

March 9, 2012 • Grand Hyatt • Denver

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Dear Colleague:

The America Invents Act looks straightforward, but upon closer investigation, there are a lot of questions about how it will be implemented.

With radical restructuring comes uncertainty. Join us in March to explore the impact of the biggest overhaul to US patent law since 1952. An all-star faculty of top experts will decode the changes, address the concerns of all stakeholders, and answer your questions.

Law Firm Lawyers: Join the discussion and be prepared to advise your clients.

In-House Counsel: Get the information you need before seeking outside advice.

Corporate Executives: Understand this historic Act and its implications for your company.

Inventors and Patent Holders: Find out how to obtain and maintain protection for your innovations, now and in the future.

Everyone: Invest one day, and get up to speed on this dramatic transformation of the US patent system.

We look forward to seeing you in March!

Sincerely,



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Friday, March 9

8:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast	
8:30	Introduction and Welcome Overview of the Day	Craig Mueller, Esq., Program Co-Chair Sheridan Ross, Denver Heath J. Briggs, Esq., Program Co-Chair Greenberg Traurig, Denver
8:45	Overview of Patent Law Reform: Odds and Ends Fee Changes; Prioritized Examination; Micro-Entities; Enactment Dates; Rule Changes Expected	Craig Mueller, Esq., Program Co-Chair
9:15	First to File Prior Art, Grace Periods, and Implications; Changes to Novelty; 35 USC 102; New Public Disclosure Rules; A New USPTO Office for Denver?	Thomas D. Franklin, Esq. Kilpatrick Townsend, Denver
10:15	Networking Break	
10:30	Administrative Patent Trials Considerations for Patentees and Challengers	Harold C. Wegner, Esq. Foley & Lardner, Washington DC
11:30	Patent Litigation Post-AIA Strategies for Success	Barry J. Schindler, Esq. Greenberg Traurig, New York
12:15	Lunch Break	
1:30	Ethics Deceptive Intent; Failure to Disclose Best Mode; Issues for Universities and Those Who Work with Them; Timing Considerations	Orion Armon, Esq. Cooley, Broomfield
2:30	Practical Impacts of Law Changes Best Practices for Lawyers, Inventors and In-House Counsel	Daniel J. Sherwinter, Esq. Marsh Fischmann & Breyfogle, Boulder
3:15	Questions and Answers	Members of the Faculty
3:45	Wrap-Up, Evaluations and Adjourn	

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Heath J. Briggs has over 10 years of patent prosecution experience in various technical fields. Since 2005, he has served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he teaches engineering students a self-designed course on intellectual property law. Mr. Briggs also was recently selected by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) to provide on-line IP training for its Chemical Engineering members. For two consecutive years he has been selected by Colorado SuperLawyers as a Rising Star.

Craig Mueller focuses on preparation and prosecution of applications based on mechanical devices and related processes. He also has experience with patents in the software, electrical, electro-mechanical, aerospace and civil engineering areas of technology. Prior to his legal career, Mr. Mueller was a senior engineer at Lockheed Martin Astronautics, where he worked on various Atlas V propulsion systems.

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Orion Armon is recognized by Colorado SuperLawyers as a Rising Star in IP Litigation. His practice focuses on software and electronics patent litigation cases. Recently, he has litigated patents involving selective encryption of MPEG multimedia data for broadcast IPTV and thin-film deposition systems, among others.

Thomas D. Franklin has more than a dozen years of experience with intellectual property law. His practice focuses on patent and trademark prosecutions and licensing and intellectual capital management. He spent nine years working in semiconductor fabrication facilities at the Naval Ocean Systems Center and Hughes Aircraft.

Barry J. Schindler is Co-Chair of his firm's Patent Prosecution Group and a Shareholder in the Intellectual Property & Technology Practice. He has over 20 years of legal experience including wide-ranging experience in business methodology, a rapidly emerging area of intellectual property. He has provided counsel to some of the world's most innovative corporations.

Daniel J. Sherwinter specializes in strategic intellectual property portfolio development, with an emphasis on electronics, software and mechanical art. He also teaches as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Prior to his legal career, he was a research and development project manager for The Boeing Company.

Harold C. Wegner is actively engaged in cutting-edge domestic and international patent issues. Domestically, he focuses on appellate patent issues as well as reexamination and other complex matters. He is the former director of the Intellectual Property Law Program at the George Washington University Law School.

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