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Bars

District of Columbia

U.S. Court of Appeals - District of Columbia, Federal Circuits

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Education

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State University of New York at Buffalo (B.S. Electronics Engineering)

Associations

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American Intellectual Property Law Association - President (2010); Board of Directors; past Chair, International and Foreign Law Committee; past Chair, Japan Practice Committee; past Chair PCT Issues Committee

AIPPI - Vice President of US Group

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International Federation of Industrial Property Attorneys

Intellectual Property Owners Association

Licensing Executives Society

Publications and Teaching

Corporate America's Slow Boat to China (2006)

The Role Of Business Method Patents In Strategic Business Planning

Reissue And Reexamination Under The U.S. Patent Law

View Of The Parallel Imports Issue From An International Perspective

The New Code Of Civil Procedure In Japan

"A View to Tomorrow - Thru Practice Defining Changes in IP Law," Richard C. Sughrue Symposium (Mar. 2003)

Journal of Japan Group AIPPI - "The Role of Business Method Patents in Strategic Business Planning" (Nov 2000); "A View of the Parallel Imports Issue" (Jan 1999); "The New Civil Code in Japan" (Nov 1996); "New Patent Examination Guidelines in Japan" (1993-94); "How to Keep Your Company Out of Court," contributing editor (1984)

Speeches

"The US Perspective and Comparisons with China", FICPI (June, 2011)

"AIPLA Update: Cost Savings for Users of PPH", ABA (Apr. 2011)

"The Supreme Court's Patent Docket", Sughrue Symposium (Mar. 2011)

"AIPLA Update: Cost Savings for Users of PPH", AIPLA in UK, France, Germany & Italy (Mar. 2011)

"Protection for Software Innovation", ASIPI (Feb. 2011)

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- "Cease and Desist Letters", AIPLA, Washington, D.C. (2007)
- "Reissue and Ex Parte and Inter Partes Reexamination" AIPLA, Alexandria, VA (Aug. 2006)
- "Sanctions and Punishment for IP Infringers", Korean Patent Attorney Association, Seoul, Korea (Sept. 2006)
- "Patents and Medical Treatment (patentability, limitations of effects, public impact, effects on production of patient specific drugs, etc.)" AIPPI, Gottenburg, Sweden (Oct. 2006)
- "Patentability and Enforcement of Computer Software and Business Method Patents", Asian Patent Attorney Association, Kaohsiung, Taiwan (Nov. 2006)
- "ONR Application Format", Industry Trilateral, Osaka, Japan (Nov. 2006)
- "A Look Ahead: Thru Practice Defining Changes in IP Law" Akron Law Symposium (Mar. 2003) Akron Ohio
- "Global Patent Strategies for High Tech Companies in the 21st Century." CSIR Seminar on IP Strategies (Jan 2003) New Dehli, India
- "Inter-Partes Reexamination: The Potentially Dramatic Impact of Recent US Legislation" AIPLA Annual Meeting (2002)
- "Business Methods in Strategic Planning," AIPPI Symposium, Singapore (2000)
- "Parallel Imports Under TRIPS," AIPPI Congress, Rio di Janiero (1998)
- "R&D Strategies"; "Protecting Software Inventions"; "Means-Plus-Function Claim Limitations in the U.S." Institute for Information Industry, Taiwan (1998, 99)

Litigation Strategies, Protecting e-Commerce Inventions - NGB Seminar, Tokyo (1998, 00)

JPAA (Tokyo) and KPAA (Seoul) Seminars on various aspects of U.S. IP Law

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