

Intellectual Property Law Section Agenda

Thursday, June 17, 2021

12:00 PM–1:00 PM

Via Web Conference

- IP Section Welcome
- **ITEM FOR VOTE:**
 - Minutes from last meeting – review and approval
- **REVIEW PREVIOUS BUSINESS:**
 - ***Advocate Sponsorship***
 - Voted at the Dec. 2020 meeting to sponsor the next-available issue of *The Advocate*
 - We are scheduled to sponsor the **September 2022** issue.
 - ISB will follow up with me in September 2021 as far as timeline and next steps from there.
 - Note: Because the formal approval of slots later than mid-2022 won't occur until September 2021, technically we are "tentatively" slated for September 2022 until further notice.
 - ***Scholarships:***
 - Certification Course Scholarship
 - For section members for certain eligible expenses (e.g., patent bar study materials and exam fees, other licensing courses or CLE opportunities).
 - \$1,000 pool for awards up to \$500 per recipient
 - No applications received by the original Feb. 28 deadline.
 - Application Deadline has been extended to August 31
- **ITEM FOR VOTE:**
 - Donation Request from Attorneys for Civic Education (services project of the Government and Public Sector Lawyers Section) for "Hilarity for Charity."
- **OFFICER ELECTIONS:**
 - **Call for Nominations for** Chair, Southern Vice Chair, Northern Vice Chair, Eastern Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer

- Submit nominations—of self or others—by email to current Chair (MRHarvey@hollandhart.com)
- Ballots to be sent out by email ~August 5 (first Thursday in August)
- Elected officers to be announced at next meeting (August 19) and take office next day (August 20)
- **UPCOMING EVENTS:**
 - Friday, June 30
 - USPTO-sponsored Webinar “Conducting an Effective Patent Examiner Interview”
 - 12pm MT via Zoom
 - “Are you a patent practitioner looking for tips on conducting a successful patent examiner interview? This online session features the USPTO’s Rocky Mountain Regional Director Molly Kocalski, Assistant Regional Director David Le, USPTO patent examiners, and local patent attorney Matthew Harvey from Holland & Hart LLP. Our panelists will discuss the importance of conducting patent examiner interviews, important considerations when working with examiners, and managing disagreements and difficulties when they arise.”
 - See May 20 email from ISB.
 - Thursday, August 19
 - CLE Presentation by the USPTO’s Rocky Mountain Regional Director Molly Kocalski
 - 12pm MT via Zoom
 - Focus will be the New Trademark Modernization Act
 - “Regional Director Molly Kocalski will discuss developments at the USPTO, including the new Trademark Modernization Act and other trademark updates, the current state of the USPTO’s Covid-related initiatives such as prioritized exams, fast track appeals, and Covid-19 relief issues, guidance to the USPTO from Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo, and policy changes initiated by the Biden Administration.”
 - See May 20 email from ISB.
- Open call for Section meeting CLE speakers / topics – September and onward
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