

# FINAL PROGRAM

## PATENT INTERFERENCES RULES & PRACTICE CONFERENCE

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Tuesday, December 2, 2008

The Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center  
Washington, DC

**MODERATORS:**

- **Michael J. Blake**, *IPO Patent Interferences Committee Chair, Eastman Chemical Co., Kingsport, TN*
- **Todd R. Walters**, *IPO Patent Interferences Committee Vice-Chair, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC, Alexandria, VA*

**7:30 AM- 8:00 AM**      **Registration & Continental Breakfast**

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**8:00 AM- 8:15 AM**      **Welcome Remarks & Introduction**

**Michael J. Blake**, *Eastman Chemical Co., Kingsport, TN*

**8:15 AM - 9:45 AM**      **General Session I**

**Introduction to Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences**

**Hon. Michael R. Fleming**, *Chief Administrative Patent Judge  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Alexandria, VA*

**Interference Basics**

**Herbert D. Hart, III**, *McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Chicago, IL*  
**Donna M. Meuth**, *WilmerHale, Boston, MA*

**9:45 AM - 10:00 AM**      **Coffee Break**

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**10:00 AM - 12:00 NN**      **General Session II**

**The Black Hole Revisited**

**Hon. Bruce H. Stoner, Jr.**, *(Former Chief Administrative Patent Judge, USPTO),  
Greenblum & Bernstein, PLC, Reston, VA*  
**John L. LeGuyader**, *U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Alexandria, VA*

**A View from the Eyes of KSR, The Board's Approach to Deciding Cases and the Decline in Pending Interferences**

**Hon. James T. Moore**, *Administrative Patent Judge, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Alexandria, VA*  
**Joan Ellis**, *Venable, LLP, Washington, DC*  
**Joseph Lucci**, *Woodcock Washburn, LLP, Philadelphia, PA*

**Effective Preparation of Witnesses and Defense on Cross-Examination**

**Michele C. Bosch**, *Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, L.L.P., Washington, DC*  
**Barbara C. McCurdy**, *Finnegan, Henderson, Farrabow, Garrett & Dunner L.L.P., Washington, DC*

**12:15 PM - 1:30 PM**      **Luncheon**

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**Address by Carl B. Horton**, *General Electric Co., Fairfield, CT*

**1:45 PM -  
3:45 PM**

**General Session III**

**Interference Appeals to the Federal Circuit**

*Oliver R. Ashe, Jr., Ashe, P.C., Reston, VA*

*Robert M. Schulman, Hunton & Williams LLP, Washington, DC*

**Interference Appeals Before a District Court**

*Hon. Joseph J. Farnan, Jr., U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware, Wilmington, DE*

*Erin M. Dunston, Bingham McCutchen LLP, Washington, DC*

**A Perspective from Corporate Practitioners**

*Michael J. Blake, Eastman Chemical Co., Kingsport, TN*

*Gerald E. Deitch, Formerly with DuPont, Wilmington, DE*

*Sandra Wells, Affymetrix, Inc., Santa Clara, CA*

**The Constitutionality of Interference Decisions**

*Prof. John F. Duffy, George Washington University, Washington, DC*

**A Summary of Recent Interference Decisions**

*Charles L. Gholz, Oblon, Spivak, McClelland, Maier & Neustadt, P.C., Alexandria, VA*

**3:45 PM -  
4:00 PM**

**Coffee Break**

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**4:00 PM -  
5:00 PM**

**General Session IV**

**The Aftermath of the University of CA**

*Hon. Richard Torczon, Administrative Patent Judge, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Alexandria, VA*

*Michael T. Siekman, Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks, PC, Boston, MA*

**Ethical Considerations in an Interference Proceeding**

*Barry E. Bretschneider, Morrison & Foerster, LLP, McLean, VA*

**5:00 PM**

**Questions for the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences**

**5:30 PM**

**Adjournment**

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