



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION

Cynthia C. Lynch, 2006–2007 chair

In 2005–2006, the Intellectual Property Law Section continued its commitment to promoting excellent lawyering and scholarship in the field of intellectual property.

We began the reporting period with our section’s events at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Virginia State Bar. We had a great turnout for our dinner meeting, and we also offered a continuing legal education presentation. Our speaker, Anthony K. Greene of the Jamison Insurance Group, gave an informative “Primer on Intellectual Property Insurance.” We were joined at both events by Judge Richard Linn of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Judge Linn, a founding member of the section Board of Governors and past chair of our section, presented the award in our section’s first annual law student writing competition, which he also judged. Thanks to board members Kristan B. Burch and Jonathan R. Pond, who organized the annual meeting event.

Our eighteenth annual fall continuing legal education program took place October 21–22, 2005, in Wintergreen. Topics and speakers included:

- “Reforming U.S. Patent Law”—Suzanne T. Michel
- “Franchising and Related Trademark Issues”—Stephen E. Story
- “*MGM Studios v. Grokster* Panel”—David E. Kendall, Richard G. Taranto, Kim Gibson and Michael J. Huppe
- “Conflicts Between Lawyers and Their Clients”—Thomas E. Spahn
- “The Evolving Doctrine of Trademark Dilution”—David Hill
- “Two Lessons in Discovery as Illustrated by *Rambus Inc. v. Infineon Technologies AG*”—Judge Robert E. Payne
- “Online Trademark Infringement Issues”—Jonathan Hudis

Board member Susan M. Dadio organized the section's annual spring ethics CLE program, which took place May 31, 2006, in Alexandria. Deborah Jeffrey discussed "Ethics and Loss Prevention for I.P. Lawyers."

The section held its second annual writing competition for Virginia law students, with Judge Linn again serving as the final judge. However, because Judge Linn determined that no entry of acceptable quality was received to merit the \$4,000 prize, the section instead donated the funds to the American Intellectual Property Law Education Foundation to use for a one-time merit-based scholarship to a Virginia law student. The section plans to continue the law student writing competition and hopes to award a winner in 2007. Thanks to board members Janet P. Peyton, Ms. Dadio and 2005–2006 Chair Christopher J. Mugel for their efforts on this project.

We progressed in efforts to improve communications with section members. Our Web site—www.vsb.org/sections/ip—is kept up-to-date. We continued to increase our e-mail list, which allows us to convey information to members in a faster, more convenient format.

At the 2006 annual meeting, our section elected new officers and board members: Ms. Lynch, chair; Ms. Peyton, chair-elect; Ms. Burch, vice chair; and Ms. Dadio, secretary. New board members are Thomas L. Stoll and Christopher P. Foley.

