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# IPO Annual Meeting

September 7–9, 2025  
Manchester Grand Hyatt  
San Diego, CA

## Featured Speakers



**Daren Tang**  
Director General,  
World Intellectual  
Property Organization



**Coke Stewart**  
Acting Under  
Secretary and Acting  
Director, US Patent &  
Trademark Office



This must-attend event brings together IP professionals from corporations, law firms, government, academia, and service providers from around the world to discuss strategies, trends, and best practices. The annual meeting offers a mix of educational programs, committee meetings, networking opportunities, and exhibits.

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# Program at a Glance

Time (PT)	Sunday, Sept. 7		Monday, Sept. 8		Tuesday, Sept. 9		
6:00 a.m.			Fun Run/Walk				
6:30 a.m.							
7:00 a.m.							
7:30 a.m.			Breakfast/IP Expo				
7:45 a.m.							
8:00 a.m.							
8:30 a.m.			Keynote by <b>WIPO Director General Daren Tang</b>		Breakfast/IP Expo	Chief IP Counsel Breakfast	
9:00 a.m.							
9:15 a.m.			<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> – Recent (Patent) Developments at the USPTO – 2025 USPTO Trademark Changes		<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> – Global Trademark Horizons – The Role of Patents in Pharma Innovation – Quantum Computing		
9:30 a.m.							
10:00 a.m.							
10:15 a.m.			Coffee Break/IP Expo		Coffee Break/IP Expo		
10:30 a.m.			<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> – AI Litigation Landscape (Copyright) – Designs Around the World – Domestic Industry Requirement		<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> – AI Trade Secrets & Litigation – Design Right Expiration – Evolution of PTAB Practice		
11:00 a.m.							
11:30 a.m.							
12:00 p.m.			Lunch/IP Expo	Harmonization Committee Meeting		Lunch/IP Expo	IPO Board Meeting
12:15 p.m.							
12:30 p.m.							
1:00 p.m.	Networking Event Hosted by IPO’s DEI & Women in IP Law Committees			<b>Workshops</b> – Chief IP Counsel in a Box – Global Patent Drafting – Outside Counsel Supporting Legal Departments		<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> – Feel the Beat of IP – Destruction of Goods – Double Patenting	
1:15 p.m.							
1:30 p.m.							
2:00 p.m.	Committee Business Meetings				Coffee Break/IP Expo		IPO Board Meeting
2:15 p.m.			<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> – Protecting Innovation in the Global Community – AI Standardization in the US and Abroad – Patent and Trade Secret Landscape in China and India		<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> – Navigating AI Through the EU Data Act, US Exec. Orders, etc. – Counterfeits and Gray Market Goods – Third-Party Litigation Funding		
2:30 p.m.							
3:00 p.m.							
3:15 p.m.	Committee Business Meetings		Coffee Break/IP Expo		Coffee Break/IP Expo		
3:30 p.m.							
4:00 p.m.			<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> – Design Protections for GUIs – A Leap of (Bad) Faith – Intersection of AI and Patents		<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> – Legal Ethics During Negotiations – Trademark Enforcement in the AI Era (partial ethics credit)		
4:15 p.m.							
4:30 p.m.	- Welcome & IPO Awards - Keynote by <b>USPTO Acting Director Coke Stewart</b> - Case Law Update				Adjourn		
5:00 p.m.							
5:30 p.m.							
6:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception		Dinner Reception at the Beach House on Mission Beach <i>Buses begin departing the Hyatt at 6:15</i>		CIPA Drinks Reception 6:00-9:00pm		
6:30 p.m.							
7:00 p.m.		Board of Directors Speakers/ Special Guests Dinner					
7:30 p.m.							
8:00 p.m.							
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9:00 p.m.							



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**Sunday, September 7**

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<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>FUNCTION</u></b>
12:00PM 6:00PM	<b>Registration and Name Badge Pick-up</b>
1:00PM 2:00PM	<b>Networking Event</b> <i>Hosted by IPO's DEI and Women in IP Law Committees</i> <i>Sponsored in part by RNA Law, Holland &amp; Hart LLP, and Black Hills AI</i>
2:00PM 3:00PM	<b>Committee Business Meetings</b> (Open to all registrants) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-Counterfeiting &amp; Anti-Piracy</li> <li>• Asian Practice (<i>note: this committee meeting is scheduled from 2:00-4:00pm</i>)</li> <li>• Canadian Practice</li> <li>• European Practice</li> <li>• IP Licensing &amp; Related Issues</li> <li>• Latin American Practice</li> <li>• Small/Micro Company &amp; Law Firm</li> <li>• U.S. Trademark Law &amp; Litigation</li> <li>• U.S. Patent Law</li> <li>• U.S. Patent Litigation</li> <li>• Women in IP</li> </ul>
3:15PM 4:15PM	<b>Committee Business Meetings</b> (Open to all registrants) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AI, Data &amp; New Emerging Technologies and Software Related Inventions (<i>note: combined committee meeting</i>)</li> <li>• Copyright &amp; Related Rights</li> <li>• Corporate IP Management &amp; Operations</li> <li>• Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion</li> <li>• Green IP</li> <li>• Industrial Designs</li> <li>• International Patent Law &amp; Trade</li> <li>• International Trademark Law &amp; Practice</li> <li>• Leadership Development</li> <li>• Patent Search</li> <li>• Pharmaceutical &amp; Biotechnology Issues</li> <li>• Trade Secrets</li> <li>• U.S. Patent Office Practice</li> <li>• U.S. Post-Grant Patent Office Practice</li> <li>• U.S. Trademark Office Practice</li> <li>• Wellness</li> </ul> <p><i>Guest Speaker: Grégoire Bisson, WIPO</i></p> <p><i>Guest Speaker: Hanna Kang, WIPO</i></p>
4:30PM 5:10PM	<b>Welcome, IPO Awards, and Keynote Address by Acting Director Coke Stewart, US Patent &amp; Trademark Office</b> <i>IPO will present the Committee of the Year and Carl B. Horton Distinguished Service Awards</i>
	 <p><b>Coke Morgan Stewart</b> is the Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. By statute, she is currently serving as the Acting Under Secretary and Acting Director. As the acting chief executive, she leads one of the largest IP offices in the world. She is also the principal IP advisor to the President and Administration, through the Secretary of Commerce. Ms. Stewart worked at the USPTO for ten years, from 2011 to 2021, and re-joined the agency on January 20, 2025. During her tenure, Coke served in many important roles, including as Acting Deputy Under Secretary and Acting Deputy Director, Acting Chief of Staff, Counsel to the Director, Senior Policy Advisor, Acting Deputy Solicitor, and Associate Solicitor. In these roles, she defended agency decisions in federal court and advised multiple administrations on a wide array of legal and policy matters, from patent eligibility to drug pricing to AI.</p>
5:10PM 6:00PM	<b>Opening Session: US Case Law Update</b> This session will examine the important IP developments of the last 9 months.
	<p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <p><b>Paul Berghoff</b>, McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert &amp; Berghoff LLP</p> <p><b>Corey Salsberg</b>, Novartis</p> <p><b>Chris Weimer</b>, Pirkey Barber PLLC</p>



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6:00PM 8:00PM	<b>Welcome Reception on the Pool Deck (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</b>
7:00PM 8:30PM	<b>IPO Board of Directors and Special Guests Dinner</b> <i>By invitation only; Location: Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel</i>



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<u>TIME</u>	<u>FUNCTION</u>
6:15AM 7:30AM	<b>IPO Fun Run/Walk</b> <i>Sponsored by Banner &amp; Witcoff, Ltd.</i> <i>Grab and go breakfast will be provided; Location: Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel</i>
7:30AM 5:00PM	<b>Registration and Name Badge Pick-up</b>
7:30AM 8:30AM	<b>Breakfast &amp; IP Expo</b> <i>Breakfast sponsored by Leydig, Voit &amp; Mayer, Ltd.</i>
8:30AM 9:10AM	<b>Welcome &amp; Keynote Address by Director General Daren Tang, World Intellectual Property Organization</b>  <p><b>Daren Tang</b>, a national of Singapore, began his six-year mandate as Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on October 1, 2020. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Tang served as a senior official in the Singapore Government. His last appointment before joining WIPO was Chief Executive of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) where he transformed IPOS from a traditional IP registry into an innovation agency. Mr. Tang is a graduate of the National University of Singapore (Bachelor of Law, Honors) and the Georgetown University Law Center (Master of Laws, Distinction).</p>
9:15AM 10:15AM	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> <b>Recent (Patent) Developments at the USPTO</b> <i>Organizing Committees: U.S. Patent Office Practice</i> This session will explore recent changes at the USPTO affecting patent application examination. Speakers will provide an overview of the latest developments and emerging best practices for patent owners and professionals. Panelists will also share insights about the impact of these changes, potential pitfalls, and strategic considerations for efficiently navigating the evolving examination landscape.  <u>Moderator:</u> <b>Benjamin Searle</b> , HP Inc.  <u>Speakers:</u> <b>Raymond Doss</b> , Amgen, Inc. <b>David Easwaran</b> , K&L Gates <b>Mary Till</b> , Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP <b>Greg Vidovich</b> , US Patent & Trademark Office <b>Paul Vogel</b> , Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP <b>James Hunt (Hunter) Yancey Jr.</b> , Qualcomm Incorporated  <b>Navigating the 2025 USPTO Trademark Changes</b> <i>Organizing Committee: U.S. Trademark Office Practice</i> This session will focus on navigating the 2025 USPTO trademark changes, including strategic approaches to the new fee structures, Goods & Services ID Manual optimization, and e-filing system mastery. Panelists will provide tips to help minimize costs, avoid surcharges, and streamline trademark filings in the evolving USPTO landscape. Don't miss this opportunity to stay ahead of USPTO changes while learning cost-effective strategies.  <u>Moderator:</u> <b>Diane Gabl Kratz</b> , Dolby Laboratories  <u>Speakers:</u> <b>Jason Blair</b> , Dykema, Gossett PLLC <b>Matthew Homyk</b> , Blank Rome LLP <b>Sandra Nowak</b> , Solventum <b>Dan Vavonese</b> , US Patent & Trademark Office



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10:15AM 11:00AM	<b>Break &amp; IP Expo</b> <i>Break sponsored by Leydig, Voit &amp; Mayer, Ltd.</i>
10:30AM 12:00PM	<b>IPO Education Foundation Board of Directors Meeting</b> <i>Board members only</i>
11:00AM 12:00PM	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>  <b>Copyright Cases and Controversies in the AI Litigation Landscape</b> <i>Organizing Committee: Copyright and Related Rights</i> Litigation over copyright and related claims surrounding artificial intelligence dominated headlines in 2024. Despite the flurry of litigation, significant questions remain unanswered. 2025 is likely to bring some clarity to the legal status of AI, as courts tackle some of the thorniest unresolved legal questions. Cases are proceeding across many different jurisdictions and may take divergent paths on those issues. Panelists will explore the evolving landscape of litigation involving AI-generated works, fair use considerations, liability issues, and recent case law.  <u>Moderator:</u> <b>Paul Mussell</b> , Wells Fargo & Company  <u>Speakers:</u> <b>Nick Aries</b> , Bird & Bird LLP <b>Christine Lam</b> , NetApp <b>Glenn Pudelka</b> , Troutman Pepper Locke <b>Joshua Simmons</b> , Kirkland & Ellis, LLP  <b>Designs Around the World in 60 Minutes</b> <i>Organizing Committee: Industrial Designs</i> This session will cover worldwide design law updates. Panelists will discuss the recently approved Design Law Treaty and its potential for harmonization in important areas, like grace periods and streamlining what can otherwise be labyrinthine requirements in some countries. They will also consider so-called "Schedule A" cases in the US: design-patent infringement lawsuits against multiple defendants named under seal. Speakers will cover recent changes to the EU-wide design-protection system. Finally, they will provide an update on China's implementation of its new design patent laws and examination guidelines, particularly examination of partial designs.  <u>Speakers:</u> <b>Christopher Carani</b> , McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd. <b>Marie Faessel</b> , Plasseraud IP <b>Elizabeth Ferrill</b> , Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP <b>Bobby Mukherjee</b> , President of The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA)



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11:00AM 12:00PM	<p><b>Concurrent Sessions</b> (continued)</p> <p><b>The Newly Expanding Domestic Industry Requirement</b> <i>Organizing Committee: U.S. International Trade Commission</i> The Federal Circuit's landmark March 2025 opinion in <i>Lashify v. ITC</i> upended decades of ITC practice and precedent, expanding the scope of investments and activities that may be utilized to satisfy the ITC's threshold "domestic industry requirement." This decision came shortly after another domestic industry-related Federal Circuit ruling in <i>Wuhan Healthgen v. ITC</i>. This session will address the impact of these decisions on Section 337 investigations at the ITC, including whether they have led to (or may lead to) an increase in ITC cases and how litigants and practitioners have changed their strategies and tactics in response. And because <i>Lashify</i> was the first case where the Federal Circuit applied the Supreme Court's 2024 decision in <i>Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo</i> to revisit ITC statutory interpretation, they will also address how <i>Loper Bright</i> may impact other areas of ITC practice.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Matthew Rizzolo</b>, Ropes &amp; Gray LLP</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> <b>Roger Denning</b>, Fish &amp; Richardson P.C. <b>Christopher Longman</b>, Qualcomm Incorporated <b>Rhonda Schmidtlein</b>, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr, LLP <b>Shawna Yashar</b>, O'Melveny &amp; Myers LLP</p>
12:00PM 2:00PM	<p><b>Lunch &amp; IP Expo</b> <i>Lunch sponsored by Temu</i> Lunch will be provided in the IP Expo Hall during this two-hour time frame. There are several activities during this time frame for attendees to choose from (listed below). Note: space is limited. Attendees may also use this extended time to network with colleagues or catch up on work.</p> <p><b>Harmonization Committee Meeting: 12:15pm-1:15pm</b> <i>By invitation only</i></p> <p><b>Concurrent Workshops: 1:00pm-2:00pm</b></p> <p><b>Chief IP Counsel in Box Refresh</b> <i>Organizing Committee: Corporate IP Management &amp; Operations</i> The Chief IP Counsel in Box refresh aims to ensure that the tool remains relevant and useful in the rapidly changing landscape of IP management. By incorporating the latest tools, technologies, and best practices, CIPC In a Box will help organizations navigate the rapidly changing landscape of IP management.</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> <b>Arvie Anderson</b>, Eli Lilly and Co. <b>Erik Perez</b>, Shell USA, Inc. Additional speakers to be announced</p>



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**Concurrent Workshops: 1:00pm-2:00pm (continued)**

**Bridging Borders: Best Practices in Global Patent Drafting**

*Organizing Committees: Patent Agents, US Patent Office Practice, European Practice*

Drafting patent applications for global protection requires more than just technical precision, it demands a strategic approach tailored to different legal systems. This session will provide best practices for drafting global applications, covering claim strategies, jurisdictional differences, and techniques to avoid common pitfalls that may limit enforceability and scope. Conflicting requirements between EP and US will also be addressed.

Moderator: **Connie Pielech**, Shell USA, Inc.

Speakers:

**Jila Bakker**, Fletcher Yoder

**Courtenay Brinckerhoff**, Foley & Lardner, LLP

**Aamir Haq**, Hewlett Packard Enterprise

**Sean Leach**, Mathys & Squire LLP

**What Can Outside Counsel Do Better & Differently to Support Large and Small IP Departments**

*Organizing Committee: Small/Micro Company & Law Firm*

This session will explore how outside counsel can tailor their approach to meet the distinct needs of both large and small IP legal departments. Panelists will discuss expectations vs. realities in areas like cost efficiency, strategic guidance, responsiveness, and business alignment. Topics will include how outside counsel can add value beyond legal expertise, such as providing proactive risk assessments, invention generation & harvesting, suggesting patent strategy modifications, streamlining communication, and leveraging technology to enhance efficiency. The discussion will offer practical insights into fostering stronger partnerships, improving collaboration, and ensuring outside counsel delivers targeted, impactful support that aligns with the specific challenges of IP teams, regardless of size.

Moderator: **Shruti Costales**, Shruti Law PLLC

Speakers:

**Elizabeth Lester**, Equifax Inc.

**Heather Molleur**, Micron Technology, Inc.

**Shital Shah**, Caterpillar Inc.

2:15PM

3:15PM

**Concurrent Sessions**

**Protecting Innovation in the Global Community**

*Organizing Committees: DEI and US Patent Office Practice*

This session will focus on the importance of cultural awareness in cross-cultural IP engagements, and the role of inclusive practices in building a robust patent portfolio. Speakers will discuss best practices for building an international patent portfolio, as well as the cross-border and cross-cultural best IP business practices when there are language barriers, legal and customs barriers, varying legal norms, and differing territorial requirements and norms among and between parties.

Moderator: **Elise Selinger**, Caterpillar Inc.

Speakers:

**Tatiana Alves**, RNA Law

**Serena Farquharson-Torres**, Bristol Myers Squibb Company

**Tarun Gandhi**, Chadha & Chadha IP

**Sunjay Mohan**, SAP SE



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2:15PM 3:15PM	<p><b>Concurrent Sessions</b> (continued)</p> <p><b>Approaches to AI Standardization in the U.S. and Abroad</b> Organizing Committees: <i>Software Related Inventions and Standard Setting</i> AI standards have been in development in several countries. However, the foundation for AI standards (e.g., technology principles, frameworks, etc.) is also in development, which gives challenges for the standard development. Panelists will discuss the foundation for establishing standards, trends in AI standards across different countries, and impacts of these AI standard trends.</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> <b>Dan Choi</b>, Microsoft Corporation <b>Christina Huang</b>, Faegre Drinker Biddle &amp; Reath LLP <b>Paul Ragusa</b>, Baker Botts LLP <b>Peter Thorniley</b>, Venner Shipley Additional speaker to be announced</p> <p><b>A Discussion of the Current Patent and Trade Secret Landscape in China and India</b> Organizing Committees: <i>Asian Practice and Trade Secrets</i> It can be difficult to make decisions related to Patent and Trade Secret matters in China and India if you do not have a basic understanding of the legal landscape in these countries. With respect to China, the first patent laws were passed in the 1980's and currently China is on the 4th Revision of the Patent Law. The Trade Secret laws of China were first passed with the promulgation of the Anti-Unfair Competition Law in 1993. The Patent and Trade Secret laws of China have evolved significantly in the last few decades. In addition, India has moved to the forefront in the world as supply chains have moved from China in the current economic climate. Although India's Intellectual Property laws are much older than China and the legal system may be more familiar to lawyers in Europe or the US, India's laws continue to evolve. This session will provide a basic knowledge of the history and explore the current legal landscape in China and India. Speakers will also discuss current enforcement issues in China and India.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> to be announced</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> <b>Sen Sam Li</b>, Wanhuida Intellectual Property <b>Abhai Pandey</b>, LexOrbis</p>
3:15PM 4:00PM	<p><b>Break &amp; IP Expo</b> <i>Break sponsored by Leydig, Voit &amp; Mayer, Ltd.</i></p>
4:00PM 5:00PM	<p><b>Concurrent Sessions</b></p> <p><b>The Intersection of AI and Patents from the Perspective of Previous USPTO Directors</b> Hear from a panel of previous USPTO Directors about the intersection of AI and Patents. Topics to be discussed include the use of AI within the USPTO, use of AI tools to prosecute, AI as an inventor, and AI-generated prior art.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Krish Gupta</b>, Dell Technologies</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> <b>Andrei Iancu</b>, Sullivan &amp; Cromwell LLP <b>Michelle Lee</b>, Obsidian Strategies, Inc. <b>Kathi Vidal</b>, Winston &amp; Strawn LLP</p>



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4:00PM 5:00PM	<p><b>Concurrent Sessions</b> (continued)</p> <p><b>Design Protection for Graphical User Interfaces: A Core Part of a Worldwide Design Portfolio Across Industries</b> <i>Organizing Committee: Industrial Designs</i> Graphical user interfaces are integral to products and services across industries and are constantly growing more interactive and creative. They are moving beyond traditional screens to virtual and augmented reality. Patent offices around the world are working with stakeholders to keep up with this rapid innovation, and systems of protection are changing fast too. Panelists will provide an update on what's new in the US, Europe and Asia in protecting graphical user interfaces and animations.</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> <b>Tracy-Gene Durkin</b>, Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein &amp; Fox, PLLC <b>Linda Govenlock</b>, Allens <b>Brendan O'Dea</b>, Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP</p> <p><b>A Leap of (Bad) Faith: Dealing with Trademark Pirates</b> <i>Organizing Committee: International Trademark Law &amp; Practice</i> This session will focus on developments in the US, European Union and China relating to bad faith trademark filings. Panelists will address issues such as: best practices for recovering pirated marks, recent developments in pirate practices, registry responses to fraudulent behavior (the use of borrowed attorney credentials), legislative initiatives, innovations in judicial practice (the use of unfair competition law) and other strategies adopted by trademark owners.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Anthony Prenol</b>, CPST Intellectual Property</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> <b>Yen Florczak</b>, 3M Innovative Properties Co. <b>Jimmy Huang</b>, East IP <b>Jennifer Mikulina</b>, McDermott Will &amp; Emery LLP</p>
6:30PM 9:30PM	<p><b>Special Event: California Dreaming Beach Party</b> Annual Meeting attendees are invited to attend a dinner reception at Fit Social on Mission Beach. Grab food and drinks and watch the sunset over the Pacific Ocean while networking with peers and playing beach games.</p> <p><i>Transportation</i> will be provided between the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel and the Beach House. Buses will begin departing the hotel at 6:15pm. The last bus will return to the hotel by 10:00pm. <i>Attire:</i> Beach casual – bring layers as it could get chilly at night. Some areas of the venue are on the sand. Wear comfortable shoes.</p>



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**Tuesday, September 9**

<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>FUNCTION</u></b>
7:45AM 9:00AM	<b>Chief IP Counsel Breakfast</b> <i>By invitation only; Guest Speaker: Acting Director Coke Stewart, US Patent &amp; Trademark Office</i>
8:00AM 9:15AM	<b>Breakfast &amp; IP Expo</b>
8:00AM 5:00PM	<b>Registration and Name Badge Pick-up</b>
9:15AM 10:15AM	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>  <b>Global Trademark Horizons 2025: Navigating the New Landscape in the US, the European Union, and China</b> <i>Organizing Committee: International Trademark Law &amp; Practice</i> Stay ahead of the curve with this essential update on trademark practice developments across three vital jurisdictions. Panelists will decode recent legislative changes, enforcement trends, and strategic opportunities in the US, the European Union, and Chinese trademark systems. For China, the panel will cover tightening examination practices, the handling of coexistence agreements, civil decisions targeting bad faith filers, and issues being debated in the run up to the next amendment of the PRC Trademark Law (potentially as early as 2026). Recent developments in EUIPO practice and key rulings from the EU courts will be discussed, providing practical guidance for brand owners. The changing landscape in US practice will also be explored, highlighting key developments and current prosecution approaches from a practical perspective.  <i>Moderator:</i> <b>Victoria Longshaw</b> , Houlihan Intellectual Property  <i>Speakers:</i> <b>Ai-Tang Irene Chang</b> , HP Inc. <b>Paolo Lazzarino</b> , ADVANT <b>Joe Simone</b> , East IP  <b>The Role of Patents in Pharmaceutical Innovation, Drug Pricing, and Market Exclusivity</b> <i>Organizing Committees: Pharmaceutical &amp; Biotechnology Issues, Latin American Practice</i> This panel will address pharmaceutical patents and their role in innovation, drug pricing, and market exclusivity. Drawing on legal frameworks, economic data, and case studies, the discussion will clarify the nuanced relationship between intellectual property protection and public health outcomes. The panel aims to provide a balanced perspective that underscores the importance of robust patent systems for sustaining pharmaceutical innovation while addressing concerns about accessibility and affordability.  <i>Moderator:</i> <b>Paul Higgins</b> , Johnson & Johnson  <i>Speakers:</i> <b>Richard Kurz</b> , Haug Partners LLP <b>Julie Lake</b> , Merck & Co Inc. <b>Lisa Mueller</b> , Casimir Jones <b>Mira Mulvaney</b> , Eli Lilly and Co. <b>Roberto Rodrigues Pinho</b> , RNA Law



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9:15AM 10:15AM	<p><b>Concurrent Sessions</b> (continued)</p> <p><b>Quantum Computing: A Technical and Legal Overview</b> <i>Organizing Committees: AI and US Patent Law</i> Quantum computing represents a paradigm shift in computational technology, leveraging the principles of quantum mechanics to solve problems that are intractable for classical computers. This panel will provide an overview of the technical foundations of quantum computing, including the concepts of qubits, superposition, entanglement, and quantum algorithms. It explores the current state of quantum hardware, the challenges in achieving fault-tolerant quantum computation, and the potential applications in various fields such as cryptography, drug discovery, and AI. The panel will also explore the patent law implications of quantum computing, particularly with regard to issues such as patent eligibility, enablement, and best practices for drafting and prosecuting patent applications, guided by case laws and patent office guidelines in the US and other jurisdictions.</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> <b>Gunjan Agarwal</b>, Eaton Corporation <b>Zack Hadzismajlovic</b>, McCarter &amp; English <b>Mike Jennings</b>, Venner Shipley <b>Edward Ryan</b>, Tutunjian &amp; Biteto, P.C. <b>Steve Wight</b>, Microsoft Corp.</p>
10:15AM 11:00AM	<p><b>Break &amp; IP Expo</b></p>
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# Artificial Intelligence Sessions

## Copyright Cases and Controversies in the AI Litigation Landscape

**Monday, September 8, 11:00am-12:00pm**

**Organizing Committee:** *Copyright and Related Rights*

Litigation over copyright and related claims surrounding artificial intelligence dominated headlines in 2024. Despite the flurry of litigation, significant questions remain unanswered. 2025 is likely to bring some clarity to the legal status of AI, as courts tackle some of the thorniest unresolved legal questions. Cases are proceeding across many different jurisdictions and may take divergent paths on those issues. Panelists will explore the evolving landscape of litigation involving AI-generated works, fair use considerations, liability issues, and recent case law.

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## Approaches to AI Standardization in the U.S. and Abroad

**Monday, September 8, 2:15-3:15pm**

**Organizing Committees:** *Software Related Inventions and Standard Setting*

AI standards have been in development in several countries. However, the foundation for AI standards (e.g., technology principles, frameworks, etc.) is also in development, which gives challenges for the standard development. Panelists will discuss the foundation for establishing standards, trends in AI standards across different countries, and impacts of these AI standard trends.

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# Industrial Design Sessions

## Designs Around the World in 60 Minutes

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**Organizing Committee:** *Industrial Designs*

This session will cover worldwide design law updates. Panelists will discuss the recently approved Design Law Treaty and its potential for harmonization in important areas, like grace periods and streamlining what can otherwise be labyrinthine requirements in some countries. They will also consider so-called "Schedule A" cases in the US: design-patent infringement lawsuits against multiple defendants named under seal. Speakers will cover recent changes to the EU-wide design-protection system. Finally, they will provide an update on China's implementation of its new design patent laws and examination guidelines, particularly examination of partial designs.

## Design Protection for Graphical User Interfaces: A Core Part of a Worldwide Design Portfolio Across Industries

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Graphical user interfaces are integral to products and services across industries and are constantly growing more interactive and creative. They are moving beyond traditional screens to virtual and augmented reality. Patent offices around the world are working with stakeholders to keep up with this rapid innovation, and systems of protection are changing fast too. Panelists will provide an update on what's new in the US, Europe and Asia in protecting graphical user interfaces and animations.

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## The Newly Expanding Domestic Industry Requirement

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**Organizing Committees:** *U.S. International Trade Commission*

The Federal Circuit's landmark March 2025 opinion in *Lashify v. ITC* upended decades of ITC practice and precedent, expanding the scope of investments and activities that may be utilized to satisfy the ITC's threshold "domestic industry requirement." This decision came shortly after another domestic industry-related Federal Circuit ruling in *Wuhan Healthgen v. ITC*. This session will summarize these cases and address the impact of these decisions on Section 337 investigations at the ITC, including whether they have led to (or may lead to) an increase in ITC cases and how litigants and practitioners have changed their strategies and tactics in response. And because *Lashify* was the first case where the Federal Circuit applied the Supreme Court's 2024 decision in *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo* to revisit ITC statutory interpretation, the panel will also address how *Loper Bright* may impact other areas of ITC practice.

## Protecting Innovation in the Global Community

**Monday, September 8, 2:15-3:15pm**

**Organizing Committees:** *DEI and US Patent Office Practice*

This session will focus on the importance of cultural awareness in cross-cultural IP engagements, and the role of inclusive practices in building a robust patent portfolio. Speakers will discuss best practices for building an international patent portfolio, as well as the cross-border and cross-cultural best IP business practices when there are language barriers, legal and customs barriers, varying legal norms, and differing territorial requirements and norms among and between parties.

## A Discussion of the Current Patent and Trade Secret Landscape in China and India

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**Organizing Committees:** *Asian Practice and Trade Secrets*

It can be difficult to make decisions related to patent and trade secret matters in China and India if you do not have a basic understanding of the legal landscape in these countries. With respect to China, the first patent laws were passed in the 1980's and currently China is on the 4th Revision of the Patent Law. The Trade Secret laws of China were first passed with the promulgation of the Anti-Unfair Competition Law in 1993. The IP laws in China have evolved significantly in the last few decades. In addition, India has moved to the forefront in the world as supply chains have moved from China in the current economic climate. Although India's IP laws are much older than China, India's laws continue to evolve. This session will provide a basic knowledge of the history and explore the current legal landscape, including enforcement issues, in China and India.



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**Organizing Committees:** *Pharmaceutical & Biotechnology Issues, Latin American Practice*

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**Monday, September 8, 11:00am-12:00pm**

**Organizing Committee:** *Copyright and Related Rights*

Litigation over copyright and related claims surrounding artificial intelligence dominated headlines in 2024. Despite the flurry of litigation, significant questions remain unanswered. 2025 is likely to bring some clarity to the legal status of AI, as courts tackle some of the thorniest unresolved legal questions. Cases are proceeding across many different jurisdictions and may take divergent paths on those issues. Panelists will explore the evolving landscape of litigation involving AI-generated works, fair use considerations, liability issues, and recent case law.

## A Leap of (Bad) Faith: Dealing with Trademark Pirates

**Monday, September 8, 4:00-5:00pm**

**Organizing Committee:** *International Trademark Law & Practice*

This session will focus on developments in the U.S., the European Union and China relating to bad faith trademark filings. Panelists will address best practices for recovering pirated marks, recent developments in pirate practices, registry responses to fraudulent behavior (the use of borrowed attorney credentials), legislative initiatives, innovations in judicial practice (the use of unfair competition law) and other strategies adopted by trademark owners.

## Global Trademark Horizons 2025: Navigating the New Landscape in the US, the European Union, and China

**Tuesday, September 9, 9:15-10:15am**

**Organizing Committee:** *International Trademark Law & Practice*

Stay ahead of the curve with essential trademark practice developments across three vital jurisdictions. Panelists will decode recent legislative changes, enforcement trends, and strategic opportunities in the US, European Union, and China. For China, they will cover tightening examination practices, the handling of coexistence agreements, civil decisions targeting bad faith filers, and issues being debated in the run up to the next amendment of the PRC Trademark Law (potentially as early as 2026). Recent developments in EUIPO practice and key rulings from the EU courts will be discussed, providing practical guidance for brand owners. Finally, the changing landscape in the US will be explored, highlighting key developments and current prosecution approaches from a practical perspective.



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# Trademark & Copyright Sessions

## Feel The Beat Of IP: Lessons in Leadership from Taylor Swift

**Tuesday, September 9, 1:00-2:00pm**

**Organizing Committees:** *Leadership Development, Women in IP, and Copyright*

In sync with the theme of World IP Day 2025, “IP and music: Feel the beat of IP,” this program celebrates the music mogul, Taylor Swift, a transformative force in the music industry through her musical genius, but also the Fearless enforcement of her intellectual property rights. This includes the protection of her name, image, and Reputation through trademark enforcement, unique approaches to enforcing her copyrights for Evermore when her label attempted to sell her catalog of songs, which had the artist seeing Red. By enlisting the help of the Swiftie fan base to change the way digital streaming platforms compensate musicians for their creative works, she revealed her leadership style as an authentic leader who values creativity and innovation and encourages women to stand up for their rights.

## Counterfeits, Gray Market Goods, and Other Diversions

**Tuesday, September 9, 2:30-3:30pm**

**Organizing Committees:** *U.S. Trademark Law & Litigation and Anti-counterfeiting*

Brand owners continue to be inundated with all manner of problematic products masquerading as genuine goods intended for the US market. Whether outright counterfeits, “gray market” goods diverted from other markets, or products otherwise sold without conforming to brand and safety standards, brand owners are frustrated, and the legal, regulatory, marketplace policy regimes are in many cases insufficient to efficiently tackle the problem. Panelists will explore the current state of the third-party marketplace on various platforms, decisions by US courts and approaches taken by regulatory agencies, and best practices for what brand owners can do to protect both their brands and consumers from unauthorized or unlawful products sales.

## Trademark Enforcement in the AI Era: Litigation Strategies and Challenges

**Tuesday, September 9, 4:00-5:00pm**

**Organizing Committee:** *U.S. Trademark Law & Litigation*

AI has ushered in new complexities for IP enforcement. This panel will address litigation challenges and practical enforcement strategies against IP infringements involving AI and automation, including trademark and publicity rights claims. Panelists will explore evidentiary hurdles, liability attribution, jurisdictional issues, and the continued effectiveness of traditional enforcement tools in an AI-driven environment. Topics will also include the risks and ethical considerations surrounding AI-generated legal briefs, enforcement strategies against AI-created logos that closely resemble protected marks, and why the use of AI cannot serve as a standalone defense. The panel will offer concrete guidance for litigators and brand owners navigating a legal landscape where AI increasingly plays a central role in both infringement and enforcement. **CLE: IPO will apply for partial ethics credit for this session.**



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# Workshops

IPO is offering three interactive workshops this year during the extended lunch time frame on Monday, September 8. There is time for attendees to enjoy their meal prior to attending the workshops. The IP Expo will remain open during the workshop hours for those who do not wish to attend a workshop.

*Note: Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit will not be offered for the workshops.*

## Chief IP Counsel in Box Refresh

**Monday, September 8, 1:00-2:00pm**

**Organizing Committee:** *Corporate IP Management & Operations*

The Chief IP Counsel in Box refresh aims to ensure that the tool remains relevant and useful in the rapidly changing landscape of IP management. By incorporating the latest tools, technologies, and best practices, CIPC In a Box will help organizations navigate the rapidly changing landscape of IP management.

## Bridging Borders: Best Practices in Global Patent Drafting

**Monday, September 8, 1:00-2:00pm**

**Organizing Committees:** *Patent Agents, US Patent Office Practice, European Practice*

Drafting patent applications for global protection requires more than just technical precision, it demands a strategic approach tailored to different legal systems. This session will provide best practices for drafting global applications, covering claim strategies, jurisdictional differences, and techniques to avoid common pitfalls that may limit enforceability and scope. Conflicting requirements between EP and US will also be addressed.

## What Can Outside Counsel Do Better & Differently to Support Large and Small IP Departments

**Monday, September 8, 1:00-2:00pm**

**Organizing Committee:** *Small/Micro Company & Law Firm*

This session will explore how outside counsel can tailor their approach to meet the distinct needs of both large and small IP legal departments. Panelists will discuss expectations vs. realities in areas like cost efficiency, strategic guidance, responsiveness, and business alignment. Topics will include how outside counsel can add value beyond legal expertise, such as providing proactive risk assessments, invention generation & harvesting, suggesting patent strategy modifications, streamlining communication, and leveraging technology to enhance efficiency. The discussion will offer practical insights into fostering stronger partnerships, improving collaboration, and ensuring outside counsel delivers targeted, impactful support that aligns with the specific challenges of IP teams, regardless of size.



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# Networking Events

Networking events are an important part of what makes the IPO Annual Meeting so special. By participating in the following networking events, you will create new connections and build relationships that last.

## Networking Event

*hosted by IPO's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Women in IP Law Committees*

**Sunday, September 7, 1:00-2:00pm**

This event will provide opportunities for attendees to learn more about IPO's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee and its Resource Groups and IPO's Women in IP Law Committee. Learn what the committees has been working on and how to get involved. Advance registration is required. Space is limited.

**Sponsored by:** RNA Law, Holland & Hart LLP, Black Hills AI

## Welcome Reception

**Sunday, September 7, 6:00-8:00pm**

Renew acquaintances and make new friends by attending the Welcome Reception immediately following the opening session on the pool deck at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel. Open to all registered attendees.

## Fun Run/Walk

**Monday, September 8, 6:15-7:30am**

Join colleagues for a guided 5K fun run or 3K walk around downtown Chicago. All skill levels welcome. This is not a race. IPO will provide a grab-and-go breakfast. Advance registration required. Space is limited.

**Sponsored by:** Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.

## IP Expo Hall

**Monday-Tuesday, September 8-9**

The IP Expo Hall is your go-to destination to discover innovative solutions to your needs. Breakfast, coffee breaks, and lunches will be served in the IP Expo Hall.

## IP Hub

**Monday-Tuesday, September 8-9**

The IP Hub, located in the IP Expo Hall, will feature short presentations during breaks for attendees to learn more about hot topics, products and resources. Presentations will be listed in the program.

## Breakfast & Breaks

**Monday-Tuesday, September 8-9**

Breakfast and coffee breaks will be held in the IP Expo during the meeting. The IP Expo is open to all registered attendees to greet one another, exchange ideas, relax, and grab food and drinks.

**Monday Breakfast and Breaks Sponsored by:** Leydig, Voit & Mayer, Ltd.

## Lunches

**Monday-Tuesday, September 8-9**

Lunch will be served a la carte in the IP Expo Hall. Attendees can join colleagues to network and exchange ideas or grab lunch and head to their room for a quick conference call. Lunch is open to all registered attendees.

**Monday Lunch Sponsored by:** Temu.

## Special Event: California Dreaming Beach Party

**Monday, September 8, 6:30-9:30pm**

Annual Meeting attendees are invited to attend a dinner reception at Fit Social on Mission Beach. Grab food and drinks and watch the sunset over the Pacific Ocean while networking with peers and playing beach games.



**Transportation** will be provided between the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel and the Beach House. Buses will begin departing the hotel at 6:15pm. The last bus will return to the hotel by 10:00pm.

**Attire:** Beach casual – bring layers as it could get chilly at night. Some areas of the venue are on the sand. Wear comfortable shoes.



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# CIPA Drinks Reception at IPO Annual Meeting 2025

Join the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys  
for a networking drinks reception at the  
Marina Room and Courtyard following the  
conclusion of the annual meeting



Tuesday 9 September  
6:00pm-9:00pm

Marina Room and Courtyard,  
Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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List each of the states you're requesting CLE credit for \_\_\_\_\_

## Fees

Enter applicable rate and fees in the column at right and total below.

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MEMBER TYPE	by July 31, 2025	August 1 to September 5, 2025	after September 5, 2025
IPO Member	\$1,200	\$1,400	\$1,600
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Government/Academic/Emeritus <i>No other discounts applies</i>	\$850	\$850	\$850
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Guest Pass	\$250/person	\$250/person	\$250/person

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### 2. I have read and agree to IPO's Meeting Policies.

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**Registration fees include:** All education sessions; CLE Credit to applicable states; networking luncheons, breakfasts, and breaks on Monday and Tuesday (Sept. 8-9, 2025); Sunday Welcome Reception (Sept. 7, 2025); Monday Evening Reception (Sept. 8, 2025), and access to the IP Expo Hall. **IPO does not provide a refund if an attendee chooses not to participate in any of the functions included with their registration fees.**

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Payment must be received with a completed registration form. Forms received with payment will be processed within one business day. Once payment is processed, a confirmation email will be sent to the email provided above. Refer to the [IPO Annual Meeting website](#) for meeting and cancellation policies. By submitting this form, you agree that you have read IPO's meeting and cancellation policies as noted on our website.

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