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## Patent Small Claims: The Next Big Idea

The Illini Center, Chicago, Illinois  
200 S. Wacker, Illinois Room  
Chicago, IL  
February 28, 2013

8:15- 9 AM – Registration and Continental Breakfast

9 AM – Welcome and Opening Remarks

**Jay P. Kesan**, Professor, H. Ross & Helen Workman Research Scholar, Director, Program in Intellectual Property & Technology Law

**Q. Todd Dickinson**, Executive Director, AIPLA, Arlington, VA

9:15-10:30 AM - Session 1: Small Patent Claims: Background and Need

Moderator: **Robert P. Greenspoon**, Founding Member, Flachsbart & Greenspoon, LLC, Chicago, IL

Industry Perspective – **Lawrence Cruz**, Chief Patent Counsel, Conair Corporation, Stamford, CT

Background – **Honorable Susan Braden**, Judge, US Court of Federal Claims, Washington, DC

Intro to USPTO's Request – **Bernard Knight**, General Counsel, USPTO, Alexandria, VA

10:30 – 10:45 AM - Coffee Break

10:45 AM - 12 PM - Session 2: Structure of a Proceeding and Constitutional and Other Constraints

Moderator: **Jay Kesan**

Background – **James Crowne**, Director of Legal Affairs, AIPLA, Arlington, VA

Small IP Claims in the UK – **Angela Fox**, Partner, RGC Jenkins & Co., London, UK

**Allison Corder**, Partner, Valuaskas Corder, LLC, Chicago, IL

**C. Graham Gerst**, Partner, Global IP Law Group, Chicago, IL

**John Golden**, Loomer Family Professor in Law, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

12:00-1:15 PM Lunch – included with Registration.



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1:30-2:45 PM - Session 3: The Effects on the Potential User Community – A panel discussion

Moderator: **David L. Schwartz**, Associate Professor of Law, ITT Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, IL

**Sharon Israel**, Partner, Mayer Brown, Houston, TX

**Robert O. Lindefjeld**, General Counsel and Chief Intellectual Property Counsel, Nantero, Inc., Woburn, MA

**Warren Tuttle**, President, United Inventors Association, Washington, DC

**Mark Frechette**, Senior Vice President, Acacia Research Group LLC (invited)

2:45 – 3 PM - Coffee Break

3 PM – 4:15 PM - Session 4: The Judicial Perspective: How, Where and Why – A panel discussion

Moderator: **James Crowne**

**Honorable Susan Braden**, Judge, US Court of Federal Claims, Washington, DC

**Honorable Theodore R. Essex**, Administrative Law Judge, US International Trade Commission, Washington, DC

**Honorable Rebecca Pallmeyer**, Judge, US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, IL

4:15-4:30 PM – Open Forum/Conclusion

4:30 – 5:15 PM – Reception

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