Webinar: Obtaining Software Patents Using New Patent Office Guidance

Webinar, March 20, 2019, and on-demand

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP will present a free webinar, “Back on Track?: Obtaining Software Patents Using New Patent Office Guidance,” featuring Fitch Even attorneys Timothy R. Baumann and George N. Dandalides.

U.S. Judge Rules Qualcomm Owes Apple Nearly $1 Billion Rebate Payment

News

A district judge in California ruled Thursday that Qualcomm must make the rebate payments to Apple, which for years used Qualcomm’s modem chips to connect iPhones to wireless data networks.

What *Mission Products*

Holdings v. Tempnology May (Or May Not) Mean For Trademark Licenses In Bankruptcy

Insight

Tom Kulik of Dallas-based Scheef & Stone discusses what happens when a bankruptcy debtor exercises its statutory right to reject a contract.

$43M Awarded to Intellectual Ventures I LLC in Patent Infringement Trial

News

The jury also determined T-Mobile and Ericsson failed to provide convincing evidence that Intellectual Ventures' claims involving the patents were invalid.

WWE Hall of Famer Sues 'Call

of Duty’ Publishers, Alleges Copyright Infringement

News

Booker T. Huffman has filed a copyright infringement suit against the publishers of the video game franchise “Call of Duty,” claiming its character “Prophet” is too similar to the “G.I. Bro” comic book action hero character he created.

Navigating Open Source Risk with Tools for Usage Evaluation and License Compliance

Webinar, Feb. 28, 2019

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP will present a free webinar, “Navigating Open Source Risk with Tools for Usage Evaluation and License Compliance,” featuring Philip Odence of Black Duck On-Demand and Fitch Even partners Amanda Lowerre O’Donnell, Joseph F. Marinelli, and Steven G. Parmelee.

Google Fails to Get IP Suit

Transferred Out of Plaintiff-Friendly East Texas

News

Google said the case should be transferred because the presence of its servers in the district doesn't amount to a regular and established place of business under the patent venue statute.

Trade Secrets Take Center Stage, and Contracts Play a Lead Role

Insight

Breach-of-contract claims frequently have appeared alongside trade secret claims in lawsuits over the years and often materially impacted the results, according to Skadden Arps.

Knowledge Qualifiers in IP Representations and Warranties

Insight

Counsel must carefully craft the definition of knowledge and

decide which types of intellectual property such knowledge qualifier should apply, advises Morgan, Lewis & Bockius.

Working Smarter with Patent Counsel: Tips for Inventors and In-House Lawyers

Webinar, Jan. 23, 2019

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP will present a free webinar, "Working Smarter with Patent Counsel: Tips for Inventors and In-House Lawyers," featuring Fitch Even attorney Jennifer V. Suarez.

When a Promise Isn't Enough – Crafting Proper Employee Patent Assignments

Insight

Unless employee patent assignments are drafted with care, manufacturers will find themselves in the unenviable position of not owning patent rights to their employees' work, warns Foley & Lardner.

Fifth Circuit Reminds Buyers to Beware of Buying ‘Deemed Rejected’ Contracts

Insight

Squire Patton Boggs warns that a recent decision by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in In re Provider Meds, L.L.C. is a stark reminder to chapter 7 trustees that they have an affirmative obligation to examine a debtor’s assets.

Chinese Company Charged With Stealing Trade Secrets From U.S. Computer Firm

News

Federal prosecutors said one of the defendants served as president of a company acquired by Micron five years ago.

FRAND Licensing: Recent

International Developments – Webinar

Webinar, Nov. 15, 2018, 11 a.m. CT

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP will present a free webinar, "FRAND Licensing: Recent International Developments," featuring Fitch Even senior licensing specialist and patent analyst Curtis S. Dodd.

In a Texas Courtroom, Tech Firm Huawei Stands Accused of 'Corporate Espionage' to Aid China

News

A former employee of Huawei Technologies Co. accuses the company of using a lawsuit against his Silicon Valley startup as part of a strategy to steal intellectual property and help China achieve technological dominance over the U.S. according to a report in *The Dallas Morning News*.

Legal Fight Erupts Over

Lawyer’s Advertising Slogan

News

The ABA Journal reports that a Florida attorney is suing San Antonio lawyer Heather Clement Tessmer for using “Ever Argue With A Woman?” on billboards, the internet and business cards to pitch her legal services.

Copyright or Copycat? Rock Classic ‘Stairway to Heaven’ Case Sent Back to Trial Court

News

A dispute over the songwriting credit for the iconic “Stairway to Heaven” took a surprising twist when a California appellate court reversed a 2016 copyright victory for Led Zeppelin and ordered a new trial.

IP Warranties v. IP Indemnification

Insight

Morgan Lewis discusses a frequent point of contention between parties negotiating the allocation of risk related to intellectual property rights in connection with the

acquisition of intellectual property.

Top 10 Mistakes When Drafting Non-Competes in the Oil Patch

Podcast

Bruce “Chip” Morris of Kane Russell Coleman Logan has posted a new podcast in the firm’s Energy Law Today blog about the top 10 mistakes employers can make—in the oilfield, and beyond—when drafting non-compete agreements.

Invention Assignment Agreements – How to Avoid Pitfalls

Insight

Agreements should also be drafted to encompass the widest range of intellectual property possible, advises Jeffrey A. Simmons of Foley & Lardner.