Does Your Employee Agreement Address These Three Often-Overlooked IP Provisions?

Insight

Intellectual property can be one of the most valuable assets of a company and should not be glossed over, warns John E. Munro of Harness, Dickey & Pierce.

Contractual Allocation of Intellectual Property Ownership

Insight

Before entering into a business deal where intellectual property rights are implicated, it is usually better for the parties to spell out ownership rather than leave intellectual property ownership to be allocated by default laws, advises Morgan, Lewis & Bockius.

U.S. Intellectual Property

Ownership – Default Laws

Insight

In order for a tech company to determine how to protect its intellectual property, the company should understand how the key intellectual property rights work, according to Morgan Lewis.

Advanced Obviousness Analysis: Understanding the Reasonable Expectation of Success Doctrine

Webinar, May 31, 2018, 11 a.m. CT

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP will present a free webinar, "Advanced Obviousness Analysis: Understanding the Reasonable Expectation of Success Doctrine," featuring Fitch Even attorneys David A. Gosse and Margaret A. Wojkowski.

Patent 'Death Squad' System Upheld by U.S. Supreme Court

News

The 7-2 court found that a U.S. Patent and Trademark Office review board that critics call a patent "death squad" wasn't

unconstitutionally wielding powers that belong to the courts.

Owning the Patent Isn't Always Enough for Standing

Insight

In a recent Initial Determination, an administrative law judge ruled that a patent owner did not have standing to sue without joining a third party to which certain rights had been transferred, reports Jones Day.

Avoiding Prosecution Churn: When Ex Parte PTAB Appeals Make Dollars and Sense

Webinar, March 21, 2018, 11 a.m. CDT

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP will present a free webinar, "Avoiding Prosecution Churn: When Ex Parte PTAB Appeals Make Dollars and Sense," featuring Fitch Even partner Thomas F. Lebens and Anticipat founder Trent Ostler.

Tips for Raising Venture Capital: Commercial Contract Issues

Insight

It is important to address the critical intellectual property rights issues that will allow the protection of an idea in the commercial market, warns DLA Piper partner Jeff Lehrer.

Not So Common Sense? Reliance on Common Sense to Establish Obviousness

Insight

Jones Day reports on a recent written decision of the Patent Trial and Appeals Board that sheds light on how the PTAB may treat common sense as used in obviousness arguments.

Surviving the NDA Nightmare: New Webinar

Webinar, Feb. 22, 11 a.m. PST

ContractWorks will present a complimentary webinar, “Surviving the NDA Nightmare: Managing Legal & Logistical Problems,”

on Thursday, February 22nd at 11 AM PST.

If Your Employment Agreements Use This One Word, Ownership of Your Patents May Be in Jeopardy

Insight

An employment agreement providing an employee "will assign" title to her inventions to her employer did not automatically transfer title or any related patent rights, explains Eleanor M. Yost of Carlton Fields.

Fundamentals of Software Audit Data Collection – Hardware Inventory

Insight

In order to effectively manage their software usage and to mitigate compliance exposure, companies need to know how to gather and analyze information regarding their product usage, writes Christopher Barnett of Scott & Scott LLP.

Spotify Hit With $1.6B Copyright Suit Over Tom Petty, Neil Young Songs

News

A music publishing company has filed a lawsuit in California federal court that alleges that Spotify is using tens of thousands of popular songs without a license and compensation, reports *Billboard*.

The Ubiquitous Problem of Inherency in Obviousness: *Southwire Co. v. Cerro Wire*

On-Demand

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP has posted an on-demand webinar, "The Ubiquitous Problem of Inherency in Obviousness: *Southwire Co. v. Cerro Wire, LLC*," featuring Fitch Even attorney Giles N. Turner.

Invitation: 2018 Chief Litigation Officer & IP Law Summits

Events, March 11-13, 2018, Las Vegas

Marcus Evans Summits has announced the schedule for the 2018 Chief Litigation Officer Summit and IP Law Summit, both scheduled for March 11-13, 2018, a the Venetian in Las Vegas.

Microsoft SPLA Self-Assessment – What It Is, and How to Respond

Insight

Christopher Barnett of Scott & Scott LLP writes that many of his clients have been contacting his firm in recent weeks regarding notices they received from Microsoft requesting an internal self-assessment of their license positions under their Services Provider License Agreements.

Presenting Alice-Friendly

Patent Claims: Is *McRo* Worth a Second Look?

Event, Oct. 25, 2017, 11 a.m. CDT

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP will present a free webinar, "Presenting Alice-Friendly Patent Claims: Is McRo Worth a Second Look?," featuring Fitch Even partner Steven G. Parmelee.

Patent Suit Filings Plunge in East Texas Following Supreme Court Ruling

News

New lawsuits are down – way down – in the mostly rural district that was once the national hotspot for patent disputes, reports Ars Technica, citing a study by IP litigation research company Lex Machina.

Clyde Siebman Named Dallas/Fort Worth Patent

Trial Lawyer of the Year

News

Siebman is the founder of Siebman, Burg, Phillips & Smith, LLP, which maintains offices in Plano, Sherman and the other Eastern District cities of Marshall and Tyler.

How Coexistence Agreements Work

Insight

Anderson Duff, writing for Revision Legal, discusses coexistence agreements, which are contracts whereby two trademark owners agree to use their similar marks, but agree to limitations.