

Recent Significant Changes to Patent Law

Date: **Thursday, February 16, 2012**

Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Speaker: James Joyce

Agenda: Informal networking will begin at 11:30am.
Presentation will begin at 12:00pm.

Location: Promega BioPharmaceutical Technology Center
5445 E Cheryl Pkwy, Room Number: 122
Madison, WI 53711



Menu: Lunch meal provided: \$5 for IEEE members, \$10 for non-members, **free for students.**

RSVP: Deadline: January 16. Go to https://meetings.vtools.ieee.org/meeting_view/list_meeting/9931 to register. Please send questions or difficulties to Mark Vincent at mvincent@ecw.org.

Non-member guests are always welcome!

Abstract

Protecting innovation in today's environment requires the consideration of intellectual property rights. A patent is often considered the most popular and concrete intellectual property right. This talk will discuss the basic requirements for the patentability of an invention, as well as various considerations to be mindful of during the patent process. In addition, some of the latest developments in patent law will be discussed. In particular, the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA) will be reviewed. The AIA is a United States federal statute that was passed by Congress and signed into law on September 16, 2011. This law represents a significant change to the U.S. patent system since 1952, including key changes that can affect every inventor.

Biography

James Joyce is a patent attorney in the Madison office of Whyte, Hirschboeck, and Dudek. Mr. Joyce focuses his practice on patent law with technical expertise in the electrical, computer, software and mechanical fields. After receiving his B.S.E.E from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 1995, Mr. Joyce practiced as an engineer for several years. Before leaving the engineering field to attend law school in 2002, he worked as both a field engineer and a project engineer. While working as a field engineer, Mr. Joyce was responsible for programming and troubleshooting various PLC/MMI controlled blending machines, fillers, and chillers. As a project engineer, Mr. Joyce designed building systems for the architectural and engineering firm Mead & Hunt. The various building systems included power, lighting, communication, security, and fire annunciation systems. Mr. Joyce graduated with honors from Franklin Pierce Law Center in 2005. Franklin Pierce Law Center, which is now incorporated with the University of New Hampshire, was the fourth ranked Intellectual Property School in the United States in 2011.

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Date: **Thursday, February 2, 2012**

Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Purpose: Presentation, topic TBD.

Location: Madison Area Technical College (MATC **West Campus**)
302 S. Gammon Road (Across from West Towne Mall)
Madison, WI 53717 ... Telephone: 608-246-6100

Parking: Open parking, so come early to get a closer spot.

Process: Members are encouraged to make introductions, describe endeavors, and make request for: contacts in target companies, needs, resources. Bring your elevator speech and rolodex!

RSVP: Tim Chapman (PrettyGoodGUIs@TrueNym.NET)

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January 19, EU e-Freight Software Initiative
by David Marca, at Promega

February 16, Patent Law
by James Joyce, at Promega

March 15, Electromagnetic Compatibility
by Paul Moeller, at UW Engineering Hall

April 27, Network Coding, Distinguished
Lecture, by Abdelhak Zoubir, at Promega

May 17, Electricity Nanogenerators
by Jerry Meyerhoff, at Promega

June 21, TBD

September 20, TBD

October 18, International Trademarks
by Richard Abegglen, at Promega

November 15, TBD

December 20, TBD

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April 5, TBD

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