

**Minutes of the March 2011 Council Meeting
Intellectual Property Law Section,
State Bar of Michigan**

March 10, 2011
By Telephone Conference

Attendance

Present: Jennifer Anderson, David Wisz, Anna Budde, Joellen Shortley, Amanda Duhaime, Kristen Spano, Kevin Mackenzie, Jean McCarthy, and Scott Keller,
Absent: Karl Ondersma, Eric Sosenko, and Adam Strauss.

Call to Order

Chair Jennifer Anderson called the meeting to order at about 9:30 am.

Minutes

The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Section had a balance of \$56,695.72 as of February 28, 2011.

Continuing Business

Writing Contest

There were three entries, two papers from Cooley students and one paper from an MSU student. The judges chose to award the prizes as follows:

First place—Stacie Farina, Cooley, “Martin v. Alliance Machine: A Broken Application of the Bundle of Secondary Considerations”

Second place—Philip Davis, Cooley, “Redundant Law: A Case for Eliminating the Dilution by Tarnishment Cause of Action”

Third place—Abigail Valovage, MSU, “A Call for Consistency: Maneuvering through the International Marketplace”

The winners will be jointly announced by the Section and Cooley Law School. The Section will send a letter to each winner, inviting the winner to attend the Spring Seminar at the end of March. We plan to present the awards at the Spring Seminar lunch.

All three papers will be printed in *Proceedings*.

2011 Spring Seminar

Currently, there are 91 registrants. Although this is down from around 130 at this time last year, our section is always last minute to register, and the seminar is a week later this year.

We will announce the winners of the writing contest at lunch. We are still looking for a lunch speaker. ICLE is attempting to contact former Federal Circuit Chief Judge Michel for us to speak on patent reform legislation. Alternatively, we may ask Judge Bullock to speak on any topic he believes would be of interest to IP lawyers.

2011 Summer IP Institute

The brochure for the 2011 Institute has been published.

So far, there are 13 registrants.

One sponsor spot remains open for the Thursday evening reception. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for the Section to be the second sponsor for Thursday evening if a second sponsor is not found. A last invitation to sponsor the Thursday evening reception will be sent by email blast in early April.

Proceedings

The next issue will publish the student articles from the writing contest. Topics for future editions were discussed.

New Business

Upcoming Council Meetings

The dates for upcoming council meetings through June are as follows.

April 14, 2011 – 9:30 am Call

May 12, 2011 – 9:30 am Call

June 9, 2011 – 9:30 am Call (if needed)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54.