

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW COMMITTEE
BUSINESS LAW SECTION
THE FLORIDA BAR**
MEETING MINUTES– 2021 Winter Meeting – Via Zoom
Thursday January 14, 2021 - 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIR

In Attendance 1/14: Jim Matulis, Robert Kain, Darren Spielman, Jeanne Seewald, Ava Doppelt, Amber Davis, Woody Pollack, Dian Mederos, Elizabeth Stamoulis, Angela Nieves, Kevin Wimberly, April Martindale, Peter Maskow, Emmanuelle S., Trevor Garnish, John Cunniff, Zachary Catanzaro, Crystal Broughan, Kelly Swartz, Jonathan Diaz, Bjorn Anderson, Nicole Reid, Samuel Lewis, Crystal Potts, Terry Sanks, Jessica Shraybman, Michelle Moss, Larry Kunin, Fred Romano, David Henry, Elana Faniel, Stephanie Boomershine, Garret LaBorde, Doug cherry, Tamieka Range, Dineen Wasylik, James Stepan, Kimra Major Morris, Michael Chesal, Jaqueline Tadros

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Adoption of Meeting Minutes. September 3, 2020 Meeting Jeanne Seewald Moved, second by Sam Lewis. Approved Minutes.

B. CLE Course Numbers for Past IP Committee Meetings:

1. 12/13/19 – “Look! Up in the Air! A Guitar? Building Configuration” – Course Number **3795**

2. 2/6/2020 - “The Three Big Copyright Cases Before the Supreme Court”– Course Number **3857**
3. 6/18/2020 - “Insurance Issues Relating to Intellectual Property and Trade Secret Claims” – Course Number **4045**
4. 9/3/2020 – Booking.com and the future of Generic Names as Trademarks, presented by Ava Doppelt – Course No. **4258**

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. IP Symposium Update** – Darren Spielman, Fort Lauderdale – the Symposium will be held virtually on April 22 and 23, 2021, with the start/stop times TBD. The Symposium Steering Committee will have its next call on January 19 at 4:30. The Bar will work with the hotel to determine if we can move our current reservation to 2022.
- B. Section 542.335 Task Force Update** – Jim Matulis, Tampa: the Task Force has now submitted its proposed revisions to section 542.335 to Senator Gruters for sponsoring, and is looking for a House Sponsor. Expected to be introduced during the legislative session that begins in March, although there are a lot of higher legislative priorities due to the pandemic.
- C. Board Certification Update** – Woody Pollack, Tampa: There are currently 141 board certified lawyers, 7 people applied (deadline Oct 31). Currently have 15 due for recertification (with five applications submitted so far). Deadline is January 31 for recertification applications, which includes the extension to file. The most recent test was given electronically, with 2 out of the 3 applicants passing.
- D. Inclusion/Mentoring/Fellowship** – Nicole Reid, Mount Dora: The new BLS diversity CLE rules are in effect, and apply to any BLS committee CLEs with 3 or more panelists. Applicants must submit the form to IMF Chair/co-Chair at least seven days in advance to get CLE credit, and the form will be on the IMF website in a few weeks. IMF events coming up in March and April. March event open to entire section, and April's event will only be for Fellows and Exec Counsel with diversity CLE coming soon. Fellows will now be required to agree that they will attend 2 of the 3 section meetings per year and join one substantive committee. Fellowship applications will be up on the website in 2 weeks. Each committee being asked to put on one CLE per quarter. LBGTQ mentoring program in the works. Trying to pair up LBGTQ law students with lawyers in the community. Trying to spread this beyond Miami and make it state-wide. LBGTQ event January 28th, 6:00-7:30pm. Please share with the law schools, LBGTQ organizations, etc. RSVP to Justin Perez at jperez@kttl.com
- E. IP Committee Virtual Roundtable Events** – Jim Matulis, Tampa: After hearing interest in monthly zoom discussion with open topics, to allow us to keep connected during the pandemic, Jim will work with the Bar to better understand our options and coordinate if feasible.
- F. Legislation:** Michelle Moss: Michele received 11 bills for all committees to review, nothing tagged for IP. Michelle will review and check for us to see if we need to provide input. The Committee also received an update from the Legislative committee and Manny Farach.

G. New business: Discussion with Jim M regarding updating client contact info with existing trademark registrations to avoid cancellations without client getting notice (due to issues with mail). Discussion with Doug C re upcoming program at PTO for allowing anyone to initiate cancellation proceedings based on non-use under section 16a (ex parte expungement).

H. Liaisons: Jim Matulis, Tampa: The Committee is still looking for volunteers to fill several positions as liaisons with other BLS Committees. Contact Jim if interested.

IV. CLE EVENT

Topic: **The Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement Act of 2019 (CASE Act of 2019)** - Catherine “Catie” Zaller Rowland, Associate Register of Copyrights and Director of Public Information and Education, United States Copyright Office. Materials will be made available in the next few days.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting, April 22 or 23, 2021, virtual meeting in conjunction with IP Symposium