

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW COMMITTEE  
 BUSINESS LAW SECTION  
 THE FLORIDA BAR  
 2023 Annual Meeting- Minutes  
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**I. I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIR**

In attendance: Samuel Lewis, Darren Spielman, Meredith Mendez, Hon. District Court Judge Mary Scriven, Jeanne Seewald, Janet Moreira, Gerard Reinhardt, Justin Maya, Brian Paul, Woody Pollack, James Leahy, Allison Imber, Robert Thornburg, Deidre Keller, Ava Doppelt, Diana Mederos, Paul Bianco, John Cunniff, Ury Fischer, Matt Nelles, Zachary Catanzaro, Robert Kain, Michael Chesal, Larry Kunin, Meredith Mendez, John Malloy, Fred Romano, James Stepan, Negin Kordbacheh

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Adoption of Meeting Minutes.** March 30, 2023 – IP Symposium  
**Meredith Mendez moved Robert Kain second.** Minutes Adopted

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Legislative Update** – Darren Spielman, Fort Lauderdale- report provided.
- B. IP Symposium Recap** – Sean Combs, Gainesville- summary report provided. John Cunniff new symposium chair. Possible April 11-12 in Orlando.
- C. Board Certification Study Materials Task Force Update** – Michele Moss,

Orlando- Report provided, Task force has 8 members right now. In need of senior and associate level Patent attorneys, two associate level for copyright, two associates for trademark and trade secret.

**D. Board Certification Update** – Samuel Lewis, Miami- Report provided- 137 board certified IP lawyers, 25 due to recertify this year. Only three applicants sat for the exam this year.

**E. Task Force Updates**

1. **BLS Scholars and Fellows Retention Task Force** – Liz Stamoulis, Sarasota- no report provided

2. **NICE Task Force** - Terry Sanks, Orlando; Dineen Wasyluk, Tampa; Michael Chesal, Miami; Woody Pollack, Tampa- no report

**F. Liaison Updates**

1. Inclusion/Mentoring/Fellowship Committee – Jim Matulis, Tampa- no report provided

2. Communications Committee – Crystal Potts, Fort Pierce- no report

3. Pro Bono Committee – Jaime Vining, Miami- no report

4. CLE Committee – Liz Stamoulis, Sarasota- no report

**G. Case Law Update**

1. *Jack Daniel's Properties v. VIP Products*

2. *Andy Warhol Foundation v. Goldsmith*

3. *Amgen v. Sanofi*

4. *Abitron Austria GmbH v. Hetronic Int'l, Inc.*

**H. USPTO Southeast regional office.**

Bryan Wilson is heading up our taskforce. Prior meeting on June 9. Submissions extended to July 19. Open discussion about whether this committee should participate with a formal opinion.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting: Business Law Section Retreat, Labor Day Weekend (September 1-4, 2023), Ritz Carlton, Naples, FL