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THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ASSOCIATION OF GREATER CHICAGO

Invites you to a special luncheon program:

THE LATEST IP ISSUES RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Presentations by:

U.S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE'S INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ATTACHÉS

IP attachés are U.S. diplomats who improve IP systems abroad using their extensive IP knowledge and experience. Present for the luncheon program will be five IP attachés and one IP specialist assigned to U.S. missions abroad to work on IP matters in the **EU, China, Latin America, South East Asia, the Middle East, and North Africa**, as well as **Dominic Keating**, Director of USPTO's IP attaché program.

Through this program, the attachés will provide insight on a wide range of IP topics relating to international trade, including the current international trade agreement and negotiation landscape, trade reports (e.g., [Special 301 report](#), [Notorious Markets report](#), and [Investment Climate statement](#)), and the IP enforcement environment in various countries (e.g., border and anti-counterfeiting efforts).

IP attachés advocate to improve IP policies, laws, and regulations abroad for the benefit of U.S. stakeholders, including:

- Raising issues with foreign government officials;
- Providing training on IP law, enforcement, and administration;
- Conducting public awareness programs;
- Presenting and explaining U.S. government positions.

IP attachés also provide information to help U.S. stakeholders entering foreign markets or conducting business abroad, including:

- How to navigate foreign laws and regulations;
- How foreign courts and governments work;
- How to protect and enforce IP abroad.

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

CARLUCCI ROSEMONT

6111 North River Road, Rosemont, IL

11:45 a.m. – Registration

12:00 p.m. – Luncheon Program

2:00 p.m. – Adjourn

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DOMINIC KEATING

Director, Intellectual Property Attaché Program
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office



Dominic Keating is the director of the IP Attaché Program at the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Mr. Keating provides legal and policy direction to IP attachés based in Brazil, Russia, India, China, Switzerland, Thailand, Kuwait, Belgium, and Mexico.

From 2010 to 2011, Mr. Keating was a patent attorney in the USPTO's Office of Policy and External Affairs, and led a team of 12 attorneys to address IP issues in South Asia. Mr. Keating also headed a task force to reform the USPTO's IP Attaché Program.

From 2006 to 2010, he served as the first secretary for IP in the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, India, where he promoted high standards of IP protection and enforcement in India and other South Asian countries. He was awarded a Silver Medal by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for his work.

TODD REVES

Intellectual Property Attaché – Mexico, Central America,
and the Caribbean
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Mexico City, Mexico
Time at Post – 2 Years, 8 Months



J. Todd Reves is the USPTO's regional intellectual property (IP) rights attaché for Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean. Prior to this position, Mr. Reves served as a senior advisor in the Office of the Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President, where he worked primarily on border measures and IP crime in the digital environment.

Mr. Reves also served as an attorney-advisor in the USPTO's Office of Policy and International Affairs, where he oversaw IP enforcement activities in the Middle East and North Africa. In this capacity, he planned and delivered technical assistance and capacity-building programs for judges, prosecutors, police officers, and customs officials. He has also worked extensively in Russia, China, Vietnam, South Africa, and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). Mr. Reves was also responsible for policy advice and oversight at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

Mr. Reves served as the IP attaché at the U.S. Mission Geneva from 2010 to 2013. In this capacity, he represented the U.S. government at WIPO, advised the U.S. ambassador on IP policy, and conducted outreach to other missions in Geneva. Mr. Reves served as the Group B (group of developed countries) coordinator from July 2011 to October 2012, representing the group's positions on all aspects of IP law and policy in WIPO standing committees and associated working groups.

Prior to his posting in Geneva, Mr. Reves served at the Office of the United States Trade Representative as director for intellectual property and innovation, focusing on implementation of the Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR). He was also a member of the U.S. negotiating team for the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement.

Prior to joining the USPTO, Mr. Reves served as an attorney-advisor with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in Washington, D.C., where he was responsible for issuing legal determinations on IP infringement, domestic and international training, and outreach, as well as a variety of other aspects of commercial fraud. He also represented CBP at the World Customs Organization.

Mr. Reves began his civil service career as a U.S. Customs inspector in Dallas, Texas.

KITISRI SUKHAPINDA

Intellectual Property Attaché – Southeast Asia
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
U.S. Embassy
Bangkok, Thailand
Time at Post – 1 Year



Kitisri Sukhapinda is the USPTO’s intellectual property (IP) attaché based in Bangkok, Thailand. She advises U.S. government personnel and national IP offices, and coordinates the USPTO’s activities in countries in Southeast Asia, including Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. Her responsibilities also include activities in Papua New Guinea, and Timor Leste.

Prior to arriving in Bangkok, Ms. Sukhapinda was an attorney-advisor in the USPTO’s Office of Policy and International Affairs, where she played a role in formulating and implementing IP policy and advised other U.S. government agencies on both domestic and international IP issues. Her focus was in the areas of patents, plant variety protection, and technology transfer. Ms. Sukhapinda was part of the USPTO patent expert team advising the Office of the United States Trade Representative during several free trade agreement negotiations, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership. She received a Department of Commerce Gold Medal for Leadership in 2016.

For 10 years, Ms. Sukhapinda was the United States Representative to the Council of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV), which is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. From 2012 to 2015, she served as president of the UPOV Council, and in 2015 received a gold medal from the organization in recognition of her service.

Prior to joining the USPTO, Ms. Sukhapinda practiced patent law in the private sector. Before receiving her law degree, she was a research scientist at a Fortune 500 company. Her areas of research included biotechnology, and she was named co-inventor in five U.S. patents and several foreign patents.

Ms. Sukhapinda received an M.S. and Ph.D. in plant breeding from Iowa State University, and a J.D. from Indiana University’s Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

SUSAN WILSON

Intellectual Property Attaché – European Union
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
U.S. Mission to the European Union
Brussels, Belgium
Time at Post – 3 Years, 5 Months



Susan Wilson currently serves as the first U.S. intellectual property attaché to the European Union (EU). Her responsibilities include monitoring intellectual property-related developments in institutions and in its member states. She also contributes to bilateral IP-related dialogues with Switzerland and Turkey, advances U.S. IP policy objectives at the OECD, and supports fellow Geneva-based U.S. IP attachés in their work with the WTO and various U.N. institutions.

Prior to being sworn in as attaché, Ms. Wilson was a director for intellectual property and innovation at the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), where she coordinated the annual Special 301 Review of trading partners' IPR policies and practices and the development of the annual Notorious Markets List of physical and online marketplaces that facilitate trademark counterfeiting and copyright piracy worldwide. Prior to joining USTR, Ms. Wilson served as director of the Office of Intellectual Property Rights in the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration. While at Commerce, Ms. Wilson was the U.S. co-chair of the Transatlantic IPR Working Group and one of the Department's inaugural detailees to the Interagency Trade Enforcement Center at USTR.

Ms. Wilson has also served in several other federal agencies, including as: deputy director of the Office of International Intellectual Property Enforcement at the U.S. Department of State; an attorney specializing in domestic and international intellectual property enforcement issues in the Office of Legislative and International Affairs at the USPTO; a trial attorney in the Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section, Criminal Division, at the U.S. Department of Justice; and an attorney in the Intellectual Property Rights Branch at the U.S. Customs Service. In early 2001, she left the government to join the International Anti-Counterfeiting Coalition (IACC) as senior policy counsel, and returned to public service in 2002.

RAED AL-HOUT

Intellectual Property Specialist – Middle East and
North Africa
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
U.S. Embassy
Kuwait City, Kuwait
Time at Post – N/A



Raed Al-Hout is the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO) Intellectual Property Specialist for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) based at the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait.

Mr. Al-Hout began his career in intellectual property in 2009. Before joining the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait, Mr. Al-Hout worked for Saba & Co in their Amman and Dubai offices, and for Al Tamimi & Company (Law firm) in Doha, Qatar, where he gained an in-depth knowledge of IP laws and practices in many countries throughout the MENA region.

Mr. Al-Hout joined the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait in September 2016. His current responsibilities include advising, monitoring, analyzing, and reporting on all aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) issues for Middle East and North Africa countries.

Mr. Al-Hout is a graduate of the University of Jordan and speaks fluent Arabic and English.

MICHAEL MANGELSON

Intellectual Property Attaché - China
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
U.S. Consulate General
Shanghai, China
Time at Post – 4 Years, 5 Months



Michael Mangelson represents the U.S. Department of Commerce and U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as Intellectual Property Attaché responsible for advocating U.S. IPR interests, policies and initiatives in China. In this capacity, Mr. Mangelson works closely with U.S. stakeholders on IPR protection and enforcement issues and coordinates with U.S. government agencies and China counterparts to resolve IP concerns, promote U.S. IP policy in China, and encourage effective IP protection and enforcement in China. This includes assisting U.S. businesses on IPR issues in China; advising officials at all levels of the USPTO, U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of State, Office of the United States Trade Representative, U.S. Department of Justice, and other agencies on China's IP system; conducting training activities and advising the Chinese government on U.S. IP law and policy; and helping to secure high IPR standards in trade agreements and China's laws and monitoring implementation of these provisions.

Mr. Mangelson began his post at the U.S. Consulate General Shanghai in 2014 and brought with him 20 years of experience as a business IP attorney with a focus on China services. Mr. Mangelson is a former partner of U.S. law firm Stoel Rives, LLP in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he served as Chair of the firm's China group and Chair of the firm's Salt Lake City Technology & Intellectual Property group.

Mr. Mangelson served as Chair of the Intellectual Property Section of the Utah State Bar and taught IP law and technology licensing as an Adjunct Professor at Brigham Young University law school for twelve years. He has frequently been recognized for excellence in intellectual property law, being selected by *Best Lawyers in America*®, a well-known attorney ratings service, as Trademark Law Lawyer of the Year in 2012, and being consistently named as a top IP attorney in *Best Lawyers* and *Chambers USA: Guide to America's Leading Lawyers for Business*.

Prior to Stoel Rives, Mr. Mangelson studied Chinese language in Nanjing University and practiced business IP law, corporate finance, and mergers and acquisitions with U.S. law firms Morrison & Foerster and Jones Day in Los Angeles, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Mr. Mangelson holds a Juris Doctor degree from Brigham Young University Law School and is fluent in Mandarin Chinese, with a U.S. Foreign Service ILR rating of 4/4 (full professional proficiency).