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In his June 2009 speech at the Federal Circuit Bar Association Annual Bench Bar Conference, Chief Michel announced the following:

This year, we will be sitting in Houston during the first week of November, at the University of Houston Law School on Tuesday, November 3 and at the [District Court](#) on Wednesday, November 4. The Houston Intellectual Property Law Association will sponsor a CLE Program on Wednesday afternoon at the [Houstonian Hotel](#).



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Please take note of the information on this page for attending the Court's sitting at the Law Center.

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The Federal Circuit's calendar showing the cases to be heard at the Law Center is given at this [link](#). Scroll down until you see the listing for the sitting at the Law Center.

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Please note that courtroom decorum will need to be observed. This includes disallowance of any backpacks in the Law Center rooms serving as court rooms. Also, please review this [decorum document](#) prepared by the court for occasions when it sits at locations outside of its courthouse in Washington D.C.

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The court's calendar lists two panels for the morning of Tuesday, November 3, 2009. Arguments start at 10:00 a.m. CST for each panel.

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Panel room assignments are as follows:

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A two-page synopsis document for the cases to be argued before the panels is available at this [link](#).



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**Seminar Program: The Future of the Patent System
 Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2:30 – 5:30, The Houstonian Hotel**

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2:30-2:45

Intro: Steve Koch
 Speaker: Prof. Tim Holbrook (Emory)

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2:45-3:45

Intro Panel #1: Al Riddle
 Moderator: Prof. Janicke

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Panelists:

Hon. Richard Linn (Fed. Cir.)
 Claudia Frost (Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP)
 Hon. Jay Plager (Fed. Cir.)
 Hon. Keith Ellison (S.D. Tex.)
 Hon. Timothy Dyk (Fed. Cir.)
 Richard Stanley (Howrey)
 Prof. Tim Holbrook (Emory)

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Topics For Panel #1:

One particular area where Fed Cir could best clarify law in next five years

For Fed Cir judges only: One tip for effective advocacy in Fed Cir

What is the "law" component of obviousness, and how does it work?

What foreseeable issues SHOULD the court take en banc; what does it take to get the court to take a case en banc; and what are the factors that go into writing a successful en banc petition?

3:45-4:00

Coffee break

4:00-4:15

Intro: Norma Bennett (Fish & Richardson)
 Speaker: Prof. Glynn Lunney (Tulane)

4:15-5:15

Intro Panel #2: Georgiana Braden (Howrey)
 Moderator: Prof. Vetter

Panelists:

Hon. Paul Michel (Fed. Cir.)
 Nicholas Barzoukas (Weil Gotshal)
 Hon. Arthur Gajarsa (Fed. Cir.)
 Hon. Nancy Atlas (S.D. Tex.)
 Hon. Raymond Clevenger (Fed. Cir.)
 Prof. Glynn Lunney (Tulane)

Topics for Panel #2:

One particular area where Fed Cir could best clarify law in next five years

For Fed Cir judges only: One tip for effective advocacy in Fed Cir

Please consider the implications for the patent system if *Bilski* comes out: (i) affirmed; (ii) reversed because eligible subject matter should be even narrower than the present ruling; (iii) reversed because eligible subject matter should be broader than the present ruling.

What has caused the near disappearance of bifurcated damages trials?

5:15-5:30

General Q&A



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US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Claudia Frost

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP

Hon. Jay Plager

US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Hon. Keith Ellison

*US District Court
Southern District of Texas*

Hon. Timothy Dyk

US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Richard Stanley

Howrey LLP

Prof. Tim Holbrook

Emory University School of Law

Panel 2

Hon. Paul Michel

US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Nicholas Barzoukas

Well, Gotshal & Manges LLP

Hon. Arthur Gajarsa

US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

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*US District Court
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Tulane University Law School



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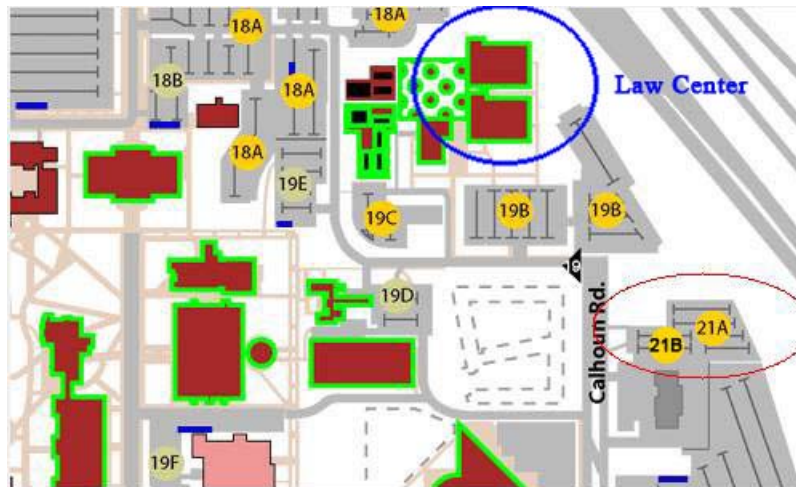
To reach the Law Center from I-45 southbound, take the Spur 5 exit and follow it to the first stop light (University Drive). Turn right, and proceed past the Campus Wellness Center to the stop light (Calhoun). Turn right, after the flashing light crosswalk the 1st entrance on your right is for parking lot 21A and the second entrance is for parking lot 21B. To reach the Law Center from these lots proceed past Calhoun Lofts to the last entrance on your left before Calhoun "dead ends."

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Federal Judges Dinner

*Honoring The Court of Appeals for the
Federal Circuit*

The Houstonian Hotel

November 3, 2009

Agenda

- Reception – Hors D'oeuvres and Cocktails - 6:30 pm
- Welcome – Stephen Koch, President HIPLA – 7:30 pm
- Introductions and Safety - Al Riddle, President-Elect HIPLA
- Dinner
- Introduction of Chief Circuit Judge Paul Michel – Al Riddle
- Remarks – Chief Circuit Judge Paul Michel
- Closing Remarks – Stephen Koch

Menu

Hors D' oeuvres – Poached Gulf Shrimp, Sun-Dried Tomato “Cocktail Sauce”; Smoked Duck Breast Cranberry-Orange Marmalade, Focaccia; Artichokes, Parmesan and Garlic Wrapped in Phyllo

Salad - Southwest Caesar - The Houstonian's Award Winning Combination of Romaine Lettuce, Black Beans, Grilled Corn, Cotija Cheese, Pepitas, Crispy Tortilla with Spicy Caesar Dressing

Entrée - Petit Filet of Beef, Garlic Herb Shrimp, Red Wine and Thyme Butter Sauce, Chef's Selection of Fresh Seasonal Accompaniments, Warm Rolls and Butter

Dessert - Chocolate Soufflé Cake w/unsweetened cream and almond nougatine

*Special Meals provided by advanced request



Thank you for joining us this evening!

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The Hon. Paul R. Michel – Chief Judge
The Hon. S. Jay Plager
The Hon. Raymond C. Clevenger, III
The Hon. Arthur J. Gajarsa
The Hon. Richard Linn
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The Hon. Keith P. Ellison
The Hon. Vanessa Gilmore
The Hon. David Hittner
The Hon. Lee H. Rosenthal
The Hon. Ewing Werlein, Jr.

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The Hon. Calvin Botley
The Hon. John R. Froeschner
The Hon. Nancy K. Johnson
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