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SEPTEMBER 17 – 19, 2026

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Highlights

Compliance and Export Controls for
Patent Prosecution

Design Patents
and Copyright Intersection

Federal Circuit Patent Law:
a Year in Review

Patent and Trade Secret Damages

Prosecution Strategies in view of
the UPC and Unitary Patent

Realignment of Subject Matter
Eligibility Guidelines

Supreme Court Updates and
Reflections on the USPTO

Texas Patent Litigation in 2026:
Venue Realignment
and PTAB Crosswinds

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THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS
14.75 Hours Participatory CLE,
Including 3.25 Hours Ethics

Featuring

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Shira Perlmutter
U.S. Copyright Office

COMMUNITY IP SPEAKERS
Simon Tam and Joe Jiang
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The Hon. Susan Hightower
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Moderator: Tyler Burdon	1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. IP: A VIEW FROM INSIDE THE BELTWAY Sharon Israel	3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. TEXAS PATENT LITIGATION IN 2026: VENUE REALIGNMENT AND PTAB CROSSWINDS Natalie Alfaro Gonzales	4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. PROSECUTION STRATEGIES IN VIEW OF THE UPC AND UNITARY PATENT Phil Jeffrey George Schlich
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. ChIPs RECEPTION	1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. PTAB UPDATE Christopher (Kit) Crumbley	3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. INTERVIEW PRACTICE UPDATE Sahana Annadorai Steven VerSteege	5:30 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS Jorge Lozano
SPONSORED BY: Blank Rome LLP	2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. RULE 11 AND IP LITIGATION (ETHICS – 0.5 HOURS) Cristina Guerrero	4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. TRADEMARK LAW UPDATE Catherine Rifai	7:45 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. SPECIAL EVENT Moody Gardens Hotel
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. REGISTRATION	2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. BREAK		SPONSORED BY: Legal Advantage Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP
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12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. OPENING REMARKS Jorge Lozano			

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 18

Moderator: Valerie Yu	8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. COMMUNITY IP BREAKFAST PRESENTATION Simon Tam Joe Jiang THE SLANTS	10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. BREAK	11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. COPYRIGHT UPDATE Professor Zachary Catanzaro
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. COMMUNITY IP BREAKFAST AND PRESENTATION	9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. FEDERAL CIRCUIT PATENT LAW: A YEAR IN REVIEW PART 1 (ETHICS – 0.25 HOURS) Mike Hawes	SPONSORED BY: Baker Botts L.L.P.	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. KEYNOTE PRESENTATION AND LUNCHEON Shira Perlmutter U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE
SPONSORED BY: Greenberg Traurig, LLP		10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. FEDERAL CIRCUIT PATENT LAW: A YEAR IN REVIEW PART 2 (ETHICS – 0.25 HOURS) Steve Spears	SPONSORED BY: Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP
8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. OPENING REMARKS Jorge Lozano			

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 18

Moderator: Griff Lancaster	2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. DESIGN PATENTS AND COPYRIGHT INTERSECTION Mateo Fowler	3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. INVENTORSHIP AND AI (ETHICS – 0.25 HOURS) Scott Adams	4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. THE REALIGNMENT OF SUBJECT MATTER ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES (ETHICS – 0.25 HOURS) Kristopher Reichlen
1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. AFTERNOON ANNOUNCEMENTS Jorge Lozano	2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. PATENT AND TRADE SECRET DAMAGES Tiffany Lewis	4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. PATENT PROSECUTION AND AI: NAVIGATING THE ETHICAL THICKET (ETHICS – 0.50 HOURS) Carlo Cotrone	5:30 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS Jorge Lozano
1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. JUDICIAL PANEL-FIRESIDE CHAT (ETHICS – 0.25 HOURS) Hon. Susan Hightower Leisa Talbert Peschel, Moderator	3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. BREAK		6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. PRESIDENTS' RECEPTION
	SPONSORED BY: Jackson Walker LLP		SPONSORED BY: StoneTurn

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Moderator: Lily Glick	9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. SUPREME COURT UPDATES AND REFLECTIONS ON THE USPTO George Webb Hope Shimabuku	10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. BREAK	11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. ETHICS, CYBERSECURITY, AND TRANSACTIONS (ETHICS – 0.50 HOURS) Rachel Greene Irene Kosturakis
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. THE DILEMMA OF FILING DOCUMENTS AT USPTO UNDER SEAL OR EXPUNGING (ETHICS – 0.25 HOURS) Tamsen Valoir	SPONSORED BY: Finnegan	11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. TRADE SECRET UPDATE Liz Flannery
SPONSORED BY: Forthcoming		10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. COMPLIANCE WITH EXPORT CONTROLS FOR PATENT PROSECUTION (ETHICS – 0.25 HOURS) Mauricio Uribe	12:00 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS Jorge Lozano
8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. OPENING REMARKS Jorge Lozano			

SPECIAL EVENTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

7:45 p.m. - Bourbon Tasting and Piano Bar Social - "Keys to Innovation": Enjoy premium bourbon with our bourbon expert, Sean Beck, and network with Fall Institute attendees while enjoying our piano man, Thomas Cokinos. *Sponsored by Legal Advantage and Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

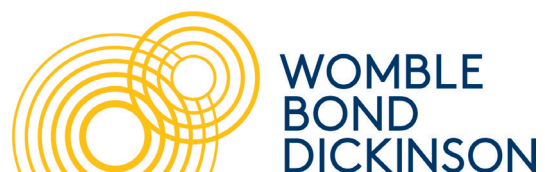
8:30 a.m. - Community IP Speakers: Simon Tam and Joe Jiang of The Slants; *Sponsored by Greenberg Traurig, LLP*

12:00 p.m. - Keynote Speaker: Shira Perlmutter, U.S. Copyright Office; *Sponsored by Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP*

6:00 p.m. - Presidents' Reception: Mingle with fellow Fall Institute attendees over drinks and heavy appetizers at the Moody Gardens Hotel. *Sponsored by StoneTurn*

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The deadline for making your reservation to guarantee a room at the special rate is **August 27, 2026**. After this date, reservations are made on a space-available basis only.

PROGRAM MATERIALS

Program materials will be provided in an electronic format via the web and smart phone software application *Whova*.

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Refunds will be made only if they are requested in writing no later than **September 2, 2026**.

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- ☐ Student limited registration - \$60

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- ☐ Friday President's Reception - \$0 x _____

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