



University of Akron School of Law  
Center for Intellectual Property Law & Technology

## **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on Intellectual Property Law and Policy**

**MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024  
8:00AM-5:30PM**

### **Agenda**

**8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Registration and Hot Breakfast**

**8:50 – 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Mark Schultz – Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company Endowed Chair in Intellectual Property Law & Director of the Center for Intellectual Property Law and Technology, The University of Akron School of Law

**9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Developing Guidelines for Ethical and Effective Use of AI**

Jon Wood, Wood IP Law (Moderator)  
The Hon. Charles Boudreau, Judge, Patent Trial and Appeal Board, USPTO  
John Cheek, Vice President, Intellectual Property & Legal Operations, Tenneco  
Larry Drasner, Partner, Renner Otto  
Sergey Vernyuk, Partner, Emerson Thomson Bennett

**10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Best Practices for Protecting Trade Secrets in a World Where Non-Competes are Endangered**

Camilla Hrdy, Professor of IP Law, University of Akron (Moderator)  
Victoria Cundiff, Partner (ret.), Paul Hastings  
Gary Corroto, Partner, Plakas Mannos  
Jennifer Miller, Chief Legal Officer, Senior Vice President and Secretary, Renmatix  
Richard Thurston, RLT Global Consulting (former Senior VP & GC, TSMC, Inc.)

**11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break**

**11:15 - 12:15 p.m. Early Results from the UPC and Considerations for Patent Strategy**

Robert Sterne, Sterne Kessler  
Jennifer Enmon, Patent Counsel, Nestlé Health Science  
Jeffery Langer, General Counsel, Zoeller  
Mario Pozzi, Partner, Siblex

**12:15 – 1:30 p.m. Keynote**

Andrei Iancu, Partner, Sullivan & Cromwell, Former USPTO Director

**1:30 – 2:00 p.m. Copyright Small Claims Board Report**

The Hon. Monica McCabe, Copyright Claims Officer, Copyright Claims Board, U.S. Copyright Office

**2:00 – 2:30 p.m. The CHIPS and Science Act: IP Issues and Opportunities**

Richard Thurston, RLT Global Consulting (former Senior VP & GC, TSMC, Inc.)

**2:30 – 2:45 p.m. Break**

**2:45 - 3:45 p.m. IP Actions at the International Trade Commission**

Michael Doane, Professor, University of Akron School of Law (Moderator)  
Evan Langdon, Partner, Fabricant, LLP  
The Hon. Doris Johnson Hines, Administrative Law Judge at U.S. International Trade Commission  
Mark Whitaker, Partner, Morrison Foerster

**3:45 – 4:15 p.m. Trademarks and Free Speech**

Angela Gott, Partner, Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff

**4:15 – 5:30 p.m. Judges Panel (1:15 hour)**

Hon. Ryan Holte, Judge, U.S. Court of Federal Claims (Moderator)  
The Hon. Kalyan Deshpande, Judge, Patent Trial and Appeal Board, USPTO  
The Hon. James Grimes, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio  
The Hon. Doris Johnson Hines, Administrative Law Judge at U.S. International Trade Commission  
The Hon. Monica McCabe, Copyright Claims Officer, Copyright Claims Board, U.S. Copyright Office

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