



Intellectual Property Law & Technology Program

Events

Friday, February 6

Careers in Intellectual Property law, a panel of speakers who will discuss opportunities in intellectual property law.

Friday, March 13

Business Method Patents: Bilski and Beyond, a conference exploring the effect in Canada of recent US business method patent jurisprudence.

Please stay tuned for specific details regarding these and other upcoming events.

IP in the News

[Textbook piracy thriving around city's campuses](#)

The Toronto Star investigates the widespread copying of textbooks.

[Kraft Canada reaches agreement with Euro-Excellence to settle long-standing and legally significant copyright case](#)

After a long legal battle that went to the Supreme Court of Canada in 2007, the parties have signed a distribution agreement

[Court: Inmate Cannot Sue U.S. for Copyright Infringement](#)

An inmate has been prevented from enforcing copyright against the U.S. Government for a calendar he produced while in jail.

[Killer wins newspaper photo ban](#)

The Sunday Life newspaper in Northern Ireland has been banned from printing unpixelated photographs of a convicted sex killer.

(The **court decision** is available [here](#))

The IPIGRAM (12 January 2009)

Feature Posts



Chris Castle is Managing Partner of Christian L. Castle Attorneys, a law firm specializing in music industry issues, content based technologies and public policy.

Ever encounter people who think that illegal downloading can be solved by "turning off" the Internet? That makes about as much sense as "voluntary collective licensing" or "ISP licensing" (used interchangeably). You could only think it works if you were unaware of what it takes to account to artists and songwriters online. Rick Carnes and I are very aware of what that takes and take issue with "voluntary collective licensing".

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Continuing Uncertainty Over the Protection of Well-Known Marks in the United States

January 12, 2009 by Graeme Dinwoodie



Graeme Dinwoodie is a Professor of Law at the Chicago-Kent College of Law and is an IP Osgoode Research Affiliate.

The well-known marks doctrine provides an exception to the general rule of territoriality and will protect a foreign mark that is well-known but not used in the United States. Although it has long been assumed that U.S. federal law contained such an exception, this assumption was cast into doubt last year by the Court of Appeals for the Second

[Precedent set for Canada's Apotex in patent challenge](#)

The U.S. has agreed to reissue a Pfizer Inc. patent on the cholesterol pill Lipitor, the world's best-selling drug.

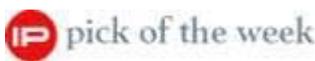
[China vows new crackdown on Google, other websites](#)

China's Ministry of Public Security and six other government agencies announced a crackdown on material that could corrupt young people.

IP Poll of the Week

To combat plagiarism, schools have turned to software (like turnitin.com) to create databases of student papers and detect academic misconduct. Do you think that students' copyright is being violated by this?

Visit <http://www.iposgoode.ca/> to vote.



[The Kernochan Center for Law, Media and the Arts](#)

at Columbia Law School contributes to a broader understanding of the legal aspects of creative works of authorship.

Kernochan Center co-director Professor Jane Ginsburg is a member of IP Osgoode's International Advisory Council.

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Tweeting the RIAA

January 9, 2009 by Simon Fodden

Simon Fodden (Professor Emeritus, Osgoode Hall Law School) is founder of the Canadian cooperative law blog Slaw (<http://www.slaw.ca>).

Five years ago, Joel Tenenbaum, now a 24-year-old graduate student at BU, may have downloaded seven tunes via a P2P network. At least that's what the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) alleges --- and now it wants Mr. Tenenbaum to pay them more than one million dollars in damages.

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Recent Posts

Institutional Theory: A Management Science Perspective to the Great Patent Debate

January 8, 2009 by Nada Basir

Nada Basir is a PhD candidate at the Schulich School of Business at York University in the area of Strategic Management and Policy.

The increased use of patents has sparked a critical debate not only at the legal level, but also across the science, management and policy literature. Whereas IP studies were once for the law academics, they have started to interrogate a vast array of disciplines. It is for this reason that calls for more interdisciplinary studies of IP, such as Graham Dutfield's recent IPilogue piece "A plea for disciplinary disloyalty in intellectual property studies" are timely and much needed.

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Social networks want to hang out with each other, but on their own terms

January 7, 2009 by Rex Shoyama

Rex Shoyama is a Visiting Professor and the Assistant Director of IP Osgoode.

The general presumption in the Web 2.0 world is that a greater level of sharing and interoperability is a better thing. However, the method in which this sharing is attained should

not be ignored as it can have significant legal ramifications. Rushing to tear down the "walled gardens" between social networks without careful thought to product development can present great stumbling blocks later.

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