



Intellectual Property Law & Technology Program

Events

February 19, 2014

IP Trials and Tribulations with Ron Dimock

Hosted by the Toronto Intellectual Property Group.
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February 20, 2014

Trade Secret Protection in China: How Not to Do an NDA
 LES Toronto Chapter event featuring Paul Jones. [Click](#) for details.

February 21-22, 2014

The Harold G. Fox Moot
 Osgoode Hall representatives will be competing against law students from across the country in a moot intended to promote the furtherance of education in the intellectual property field.
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February 26, 2014

India IP and Innovation Forum
 Hosted by [Managing Intellectual Property](#) and held in New Delhi, this event will focus on the complex position that India occupies and how the variety of issues and objectives that must be considered as it develops its IP regimes. [Click](#) for details.

February 26, 2014

IP Career Panel
 Hosted by Osgoode Hall's IP/IT Club, this event plans to show law students the variety of paths a legal career can take within

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Feature Posts



Crowdfunding's Impact on Start-Up IP Strategy

by Sean M. O'Connor

Crowdfunding's Impact on Start-Up IP Strategy

February 12, 2014 by [Sean O'Connor](#)

Crowdfunding has been heralded as a revolutionary and democratic way to connect ordinary individuals with innovative projects they would like to support. The version involving equity investments in start-ups will be regulated under the U.S. JOBS Act of 2012.^[i] But start-ups who use this legal pathway will become essentially “junior” reporting companies under the securities laws with significant public disclosure requirements. This blog post argues that such disclosures may negatively impact start-ups’ intellectual property (“IP”) portfolios.

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the intellectual property field.
Event to be hosted in IKB Room
1001 from 12:30-2:30 pm.

February 28, 2014

Union Roundtable: Arbitration of Patent Disputes

Hosted by [Union-IP](#) and held in Munich, this event will allow practitioners to hear from top authorities and interact on the important issues faced during the arbitration of IP disputes. [Click](#) for details.

IP Notes

March 3, 2014

2014 Loyola Patent Law Interview Program

Registration deadline: March 3, 2014. Registration opens on February 10, 2014. [Click](#) for details.

April 25th, 2014

Osgoode-Toronto Junior Faculty Forum - Call for Papers

Hosted by Osgoode Hall Law School and University of Toronto, Faculty of Law. Junior faculty at Canadian law faculties are invited to submit papers for presentation and discussion at the Forum. [Click](#) for details.

June 30, 2014

IT.CAN Student Writing Contest 2014

Held by the Canadian IT Law Association, this competition is open to students with publishable papers in a suitable IT/IP field. [Click](#) for details.

July 1, 2014

Canada's IP Writing Challenge 2014

The Intellectual Property

The Curious Case of the Woodpecker and the Injunction

February 3, 2014 by [David Bowden](#)



In *Woodpecker Hardwood Floors (2000) Inc v Wiston International Trade Co, Ltd* (2013 BCCA 553), the BC Court of Appeal denied an appeal to overturn an interlocutory injunction which enjoined the use of a registered trade-mark in an action for passing off. This case is surprising, both due to its strange relationship with judicial precedent and the important issue it raises involving the potential jurisdictional overlap by the provincial and federal courts in the administration and enforcement of trade-marks in Canada.

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Can Capitalism and Collaboration Co-exist? Tech Sector Cross-licensing and the Emergence of 'Cooperative Competition'

February 12, 2014 by [Joseph Turcotte](#)

In this year's [State of the Union address](#), US President Barack Obama reaffirmed his Administration's commitment to addressing economic inequality by fostering the jobs of the future: "We know that the nation that goes all-in on innovation today will own the global economy tomorrow. This is an edge America cannot surrender." In order to do so, the President urged Congress to "pass a patent reform bill that allows our businesses to stay focused on innovation, not costly, needless litigation."

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Institute of Canada (IPIC) and IP Osgoode invite submissions from law students, graduate students, and professionals. [Click for details.](#)

Transnational Human Rights, Crime and Security at Osgoode Hall Law School.

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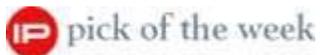
Will "Candy" Trademark Prove Sweet or Bitter for King?

February 12, 2014 by [Alex Buonassisi](#)

Video game developer [King](#), maker of the insanely popular and addictive [Candy Crush Saga](#), has been granted a [US trade-mark](#) for the word "Candy". While previously owning trade-marks over the specific designs and game titles, this is the first common word successfully trade-marked by King. Some are worried registering a common word is an over-extension of intellectual property rights, while King argues this protection is required to combat knockoffs.

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Legendary Inventor [Thomas Edison](#) was born this week in 1847. Edison accumulated an astonishing 1,093 patents over the course of his career, including the [phonograph](#), the [electric generator](#), and the [alkaline battery](#). Edison's birthday is commemorated in the United States as National Inventors' Day to recognize the incredible contributions made by inventors over the years.



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