

WSBA IP Section
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
02/11/2025

- BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Rodney Tullett (RT) (Past Chair); Connie Wan (CW) (Chair); ~~Syed Abedi (SA) (Vice Chair)~~; Jim Vana (Secretary-Treasurer); Sunah Lee (SL); Nika Aldrich (NA); Elizabeth Breakstone (EB); Greg Plichta (GP).

- A. YOUNG LAWYER LIAISON: Heather Hedeon
- B. SECTION LIAISON: Carolyn MacGregor (CM)
- C. BOG LIAISONS: Alain Villeneuve
- D. WSBA CLE LIAISON: Sally Romero (SR)

- CALL TO ORDER: 4:04PM

QUORUM: QUORUM

- REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

Motion: Connie

Second: Nik

Vote:

Abstention:

Nay:

Motion: Pass

- THINGS TO BE DECIDED AND WORKED ON

- A. ELECTIONS AND APPOINT: ONE VACANCY, AT LARGE

Nominee: Baha Obeidat from Seed IP. Here is Baha's profile:

<https://www.seedip.com/attorneys/baha-a-obeidat>.

Motion:

Motion made by:

Second:

Vote:

Motion:

Discussion:

- SCHOLARSHIPS

We have 15K in the budget to give as scholarships for local law schools. The student awardees will be invited to attend the IP Institute.

- University of Washington: \$5000
- Seattle University: \$5000
- Gonzaga University: \$5000.

Discussion: Connie has reached out to all three law schools.

- A. PRO-BONO PROGRAM UPDATE

Update: The program has started. Seattle U is hosting the program. We have seven applications. DWT and Perkin Coie Pro Bono Programs. Five applications now assigned; volunteers are working with the inventors.

B. JOINT MEETING WITH OTHER SECTIONS: CORPORATE COUNSEL SECTION, INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE SECTION, INN OF COURT

Discussion: Connie reached out to the International Practice Section.

C. CLE UPDATES:

IP Mini CLE

- i. Chairs: Connie, Elizabeth
- ii. Date:
 - March 27, 2025: noon-1
 - Topic: IP dispute on Amazon (Part I: Taking down, ? Focal Law)
 - June 26, 2025: noon-1
 - Topic: Domain name disputes (Jen, Focal Law)
 - September 25, 2025: noon-1
 - Topic: IP dispute on Amazon (Part II: Being shaken down, ??)

- iii. Format: Virtual lunchtime CLE

Discussion: We decide to offer this CLE events as a series of three mini-CLE event. The CLE will be offered at the last Thursday of each quarter as lunch time mini-CLEs. The CLE will be free to IP section members and will be \$35 for the non-IP section members. Connie asked for volunteers or recommendations.

28th Annual IP Institute

- i. Chairs: Rodney, Connie, Syed
- ii. Date: April 24, 2025 (Thursday)
- iii. Format: In person with a speaker's dinner on April 23, 2025 (Wednesday)

Discussion: Alain and Amazon VP on Amazon marketplace disputes. Nika on design patent. Copyright/Trademark on Jim. USPTO speaker on ethics. USPTO to talk about patent law change under the new administration.

IP Licensing CLE

- i. Chairs: Jim, Sunah
- ii. Date: Q3, 2025
- iii. Format:

Discussion: Jim and Sunah will discuss content and speakers.

CLE Timely Topics '25

- i. Chairs: Connie, Rodney
- ii. Date:

- a. Dec. 4, 2024: done
- b. Feb. 12, 2025:

1. 35 U.S.C. § 101 and AI-based Inventions at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB)

A discussion of recent patent eligibility decisions for AI-based inventions at the PTAB and recent patent eligibility guidance for AI promulgated by the USPTO.

David Easwaran – K&L Gates LLP, Charlotte, NC

Brett White – K&L Gates LLP, Raleigh, NC

2. ABC's of Online IP Enforcement

Alaine Villeneuve, General Counsel, TRX

c. May 21, 2025 (8:30-10:30am PT) IP licensing/transaction (TBD)

iii. Format: Remote

Discussion: This CLE is now offered as three 2-hr CLE events.

D. Benefit to the section members

i. mini-CLE series: free to the IP members, \$35 for non-members

ii. Mentorship Program: Greg, Heather

iii. Networking events

- **Discussion:**

- WSBA LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

A. Chair: Elizabeth Breakstone

Discussion:

- ADJOURN: