

Symposium on Emerging Intellectual Property Issues:

# Eastern District of Texas and Patents

# Friday, February 18, 2011 Dallas, Texas



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### **CLE Credits:**

The symposium has requested MCLE credit approval for 5.5 hrs including 1.0 hours of ethics.

## Seminar Site:

The Hillcrest Classroom at the SMU Dedman School of Law Underwood Law Library at 6550 Hillcrest Road, Dallas, TX, 75205.

### Accommodations:

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## Questions:

For registration, call (214) 768-4177 or e-mail rbell@smu.edu. For questions regarding the symposium, contact Professor Xuan-Thao Nguyen at (214) 768-4037 or email her at xnguyen@smu.edu.

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oin us for the SMU Dedman School of Law 2011 Symposium on **Emerging Intellectual Property Issues in** Dallas, Texas, on Friday, February 18. Presented by SMU Dedman School of Law and sponsored by The Ware Firm, this Symposium will address the latest theories and practices important to the development of intellectual property law and explore emerging issues of intellectual property law through discussions with distinguished academics, jurists and leaders in the industry. We invite you to attend and participate in this year's Symposium.

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EDTX—"THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD" The Symposium will explore the history and development of the Eastern District of Texas (EDTX) as one of the Rocket-Docket jurisdictions for patent litigation. The Symposium will focus on the impact of the Eastern District of Texas on patent law, patent reform and innovation.

# **Conference Schedule:**

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS: 8:30 – 8:45 A.M. Dean John B. Attanasio, SMU Dedman School of Law Xuan-Thao Nguyen, Symposium Organizer and Professor, SMU Dedman School of Law

## PANEL ONE: 8:45 - 10:00 A.M.

THE JURY IN THE EDTX: UNSOPHISTICATED AMERICAN PEERS OR IDEALISTS OF PROPERTY RIGHTS IN PATENTS? Moderator: Professor Beth Thornburg, SMU Dedman School of Law Michael Smith, Siebman, Burg, Phillips & Smith LLP Robert Conklin, Director of Research, Starr Litigation Services, Inc. Andrei Iancu, Irell & Minella

BREAK: 10:00 - 10:15 A.M.

PANEL II: 10:15 - 11:30 A.M. TRIBALISM OR CUSTOMARY PRACTICES OF THE EDTX? Moderator: Professor Debra Lyn Bassett, Southwestern Law School Samuel F. Baxter, McKool Smith Otis W. Carroll, Ireland Carroll & Kelley, P.C. Michael E. Jones, Potter Minton

#### LUNCHEON & KEYNOTE ADDRESS: 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

EDTX AND TRANSFER OF VENUE: MOVE OVER FEDERAL CIRCUIT, HERE IS THE FIFTH CIRCUIT'S LAW ON TRANSFER OF VENUE The Honorable Patrick E. Higginbotham, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit Introduction: Les Ware, The Ware Firm Dean John B Attanasio, SMU Dedman School of Law

### PANEL THREE: 1:15 P.M. TO 2:30 P.M.

HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE EDTX AS A COURT WITH PATENT EXPERTISE: FROM TI FILING, FIRST MARKMAN HEARING TO THE PRESENT Moderator: Professor Xuan-Thao Nguyen, SMU Dedman School of Law The Honorable David Folsom, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas The Honorable T. John Ward, District Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas The Honorable Leonard Davis, District Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas Mike McKool, McKool Smith

### ВREAK: 2:30 - 2:45 р.м.

### PANEL FOUR: 2:45 - 4:00 P.M.

THE EDTX AND LOCAL DISTRICT COURTS: ADVANCING OR STIFLING INNOVATION? Moderator: Phillip B. Philbin, Haynes and Boone, LLP Bart Showalter, Baker Botts L.L.P. Michael J. Crowley, Research In Motion Michael W. Shore, Shore Chan Bragalone DePumpo LLP Edward R. Reines, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

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