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The IPIGRAM (November 10, 2008)

IP Osgoode boasted a packed schedule of events last week. The events were all well attended and provoked questions and discussion from those in attendance.

On November 4, Lord Justice Jacob of the Court of Appeal for England and Wales [gave a talk](#) entitled “The Scope of a Patent: Claim Construction and Equivalents”. Lord Justice Jacob covered a number of perspectives on claim construction in patents from a unique comparative perspective and answered numerous questions from a captivated audience.

On November 7, IP Osgoode [held a roundtable](#) at Gowlings featuring women leading across various fields in intellectual property for a discussion entitled “Women and IP: Is everything rosy in here or is the glass ceiling tinted pink?” The panelists included:

Susan Abramovitch (Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP)

Professor Ann Bartow (University of South Carolina)
Darlene H. Carreau (Trade-marks Opposition Board)
May Cheng (Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP)
Professor Carys Craig (Osgoode Hall Law School)
Virginia H.L. Jones (Canadian Motion Picture Distributors Association)
Sangeetha Punniyamoorthy (Dimock Stratton LLP)
Pascale Chapdelaine (PhD candidate, Osgoode Hall Law School)

The Honourable Justice Karen Weiler from the Ontario Court of Appeal was also able to join the discussion and provide her perspective. All the panelists shared diverse experiences and provided valuable insight for all the guests.

To conclude the day on November 7, Professor Ann Bartow, University of South Carolina, delivered a special lecture “The Intersection of Copyright and Pornography”, where she examined the possible role that copyright law might play in promoting the safety and dignity of pornographic performers in the production of pornography.

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Giuseppina D’Agostino



Above: Lord Justice Jacob with Osgoode students (from left, Jonathan Girdali, Lord Justice Robin Jacob, Shuo Li, Bal Krishna, and Ori Rubin)

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[**You are standing on my property... I think**](#)

November 6, 2008 by Jonathan Girdaldi (IPilogue Editor)

In a lecture delivered on November 4 to a class of Osgoode IP students, Lord Justice Jacob of the Court of Appeal for England and Wales provided an expert viewpoint of the ongoing debate revolving around the scope of patent monopolies. [Read more](#)

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[**Supreme Court of Canada Protects Diamonds in the Rough**](#)

November 11, 2008 by Jonathan Girdaldi (IPilogue Editor)

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November 10, 2008 by Anna Shahid (IPilogue Editor)

On Friday, November 7, IP Osgoode held a unique event: a roundtable of numerous female leaders in the IP field discussed and reflected on the opportunities and challenges that women face in this area of the law.

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November 5, 2008 by Julian Ho (IPilogue Editor)

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November 4, 2008 by Adrienne Ng (IPilogue Editor)

The [Google Books Library Project](#) is a hugely ambitious initiative to catalogue the millions of books in the collections of several major libraries and include them into [Google Book Search](#). [Read more](#)

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A strip club's claims that its trademark rights are infringed by the video game "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" have been dismissed.

[Downloading guru seeks ruling on legality](#)

The Canadian owner of a popular website (IsoHunt.com) is seeking a ruling from the Supreme Court of British Columbia on whether or not his site violates the Copyright Act.

[Supreme Court strengthens drug patent protection](#)

In a unanimous decision delivered by Mr. Justice Marshall Rothstein, the Supreme Court of Canada has held that "selection patents" are acceptable in principle and are not necessarily invalid.

[Osgoode Hall offers up new IP resource to students](#)

Canadian Lawyer Magazine runs an article about the new IP Osgoode program

[Obama Victory Draws Quick Reactions From IP, Tech Communities](#)

Many are curious to see how Barack Obama's administration will deal with IP-related policy. Shamnad Basheer (an IP Osgoode research affiliate) is quoted in the story.

[New video ad deal for MySpace, MTV Networks](#)

MySpace will overlay advertisements on MTV content that is uploaded by users and share revenue with content copyright holders.

[Google suddenly big in book business](#)

Canadian publishers are unsure about the effects of the Google Book Search dispute settlement.

IP Pick of the Week

The [Intellectual Property Colloquium](#) (hosted by Professor Doug Lichtman, UCLA Law School) provides a series of online audio podcasts devoted to IP topics.

IP Poll of the Week

In [last week's poll](#), 75% of voters disagreed in supporting a law that requires Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to terminate internet service to those who repeatedly infringe copyright law.

This week's question: Should business method patents be abolished, as recently suggested by Judge Mayer of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in his dissenting opinion in the *Bilski* case?

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