



Intellectual Property Law & Technology Program

Events

IP Osgoode is planning a number of events for 2009, including:

"*The Evolution of Copyright Reform in Canada*", a talk by **Glen Bloom**, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP

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

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 dates and times of these and other upcoming events.

IP Poll of the Week

Do you think that creating exact size replicas of historical monuments such as the Taj Mahal should be permitted?

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

In last week's poll, 57% of voters thought that current public perceptions of intellectual property are too polarized and emotional, as suggested in a recent report by Dr. Roya Ghafele.

IP in the News

[Sanofi wins ruling over Plavix in Apotex fight](#)

The validity of Sanofi's top-selling blood-thinner Plavix was affirmed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Earlier this past November, Sanofi won its case on the validity of the Canadian patent in the Supreme Court of Canada.

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

[Copyright](#)

Precedent magazine's cover story for its winter issue is written by Ivor Tossell and discusses the many differing

The IPIGRAM (15 December 2008)



On December 11, 2008 at Ogilvy Renault's offices in Toronto, Jason Kee (Director of Policy & Legal Affairs, Entertainment Software Association of Canada) gave a talk, "IP: Perspectives from the Video-Game Industry".

Above: From left, Osgoode exchange student Li Shuo, Jason Kee, and Professor Giuseppina D'Agostino

Feature Posts

Toward a Next Generation Canada?

Lawyers are often well positioned to comment on matters of public policy. In this article published in the Globe and Mail, **Andrea Wood**, head of Bennett Jones' national media and entertainment practice, argues that Canada should follow President-elect Barack Obama's lead in formulating a comprehensive strategy to harness the power of the internet to enhance the democratic process and compete in the digital age.

[Read the article](#)

Parties Playing Politics, IP Reform Loses Out
December 11, 2008 by George Nathanael (IPilogue Editor)

opinions that exist about Canada's copyright laws.

[Joe Satriani vs. Coldplay: Viva la difference?](#)

Satriani is seeking damages for the alleged lifting of "substantial original portions" of his music by Coldplay

[No love lost over Bangladesh's copycat version of the Taj Mahal](#)

Concerns have been raised over a replica of the Indian monument that is being built in Bangladesh.

[Technology, IP Vital To Addressing Climate Change, UN Meeting Hears](#)

United Nations' talks on climate change struggle to determine balance between incentives for innovation and access to green technologies.

[Recession survival tips: Unlock IP asset values](#)

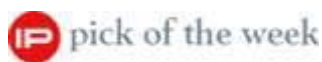
The Financial Post runs an article on how to emerge from the recession in good shape.

[China on path to lead world in new patents](#)

According to a report by Thomson Reuters Scientific, China will pass Japan, the current leader in new patents, by 2012.

[Stanford Law School Launches Intellectual Property Litigation Clearinghouse](#)

The Stanford Intellectual Property Litigation Clearinghouse (IPLC) is an online public database that offers researchers real-time data about IP legal disputes within the United States.



The [Center for Social Media](#) is part of the School of Communication at American University.

It showcases and analyzes strategies to use media as creative tools for public knowledge and action.

The recent turmoil in Parliament has led to a buzz among many ordinary Canadians. But out of the push for a new coalition government, largely [unprecedented](#) in Canadian history, has immediately come more of the same: political bickering and inaction. One week ago, upon request from Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Governor General Michaëlle Jean prorogued Parliament until January 26, in order for the Conservative government to avoid a confidence vote that was originally scheduled for this past Monday.

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IPilogue - Recent Posts

European Commission: Ever-Greening Reduces Competition in Pharmaceutical Sector

December 15, 2008 by Jonathan Girdali (IPilogue Editor)

Criticism leveled at pharmaceutical companies for their competitive practices has taken on a new dimension with the preliminary report from an inquiry of the European Commission (EC). The report on the Pharmaceutical Sector Inquiry, released November 28, confirms the existence of business tactics that are restricting competition in the European pharmaceutical market.

[Read more](#)

Effects of New Supply-Chain Models on Intellectual Property Rights

December 12, 2008 by Adrienne Ng (IPilogue Editor)

As we move forward into a world of greater complexity filled with rapidly developing inventions and innovations, product owners and manufacturers are modifying their supply-chain models to complement the changing global economy. This post will discuss how both the high-tech and intangible intellectual works sectors are re-thinking their distribution models and suggest how these changes might affect intellectual property rights.

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Human Rights Court rules against UK's DNA database

December 10, 2008 by Daniel Hartrell (IPilogue Editor)

Last [Thursday](#), the European Court of Human Rights made an important ruling on the privacy of a person's unique genetic information. The European Court, citing a Supreme Court of Canada decision with approval, determined that it was an illegal violation of a person's rights to keep a person's DNA sample when they had no prior convictions.

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Parody and Canadian copyright law

December 9, 2008 by Anna Shahid (IPilogue Editor)

While parody is a well-established defence to copyright infringement in the U.S, a recent B.C. Supreme Court decision says that this is not the case in Canada. On November 24, in a judgment on a motion to strike portions of the Statement of Defence, the B.C. Supreme Court Master ruled that parody could not be invoked as a defence of copyright infringement under the Copyright Act.

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