



Intellectual Property Law & Technology Program

## Events

## The IPIGRAM (December 8, 2008)

**Tuesday, Dec 9, 2008**

4:40pm-6:00pm

**Ron Dimock and Adrian Kaplan,**  
Dimock Stratton LLP

Title: "*Patent Specifications, Claim Construction and Patent Infringement*"

Location: Room 204, Osgoode Hall Law School

**Thursday, Dec 11, 2008**

12:40pm-2:00pm

**Jason Kee,** Director of Policy & Legal Affairs, Entertainment Software Association of Canada

Title: "*IP: Perspectives from the Video-Game Industry*"

Location: [Ogilvy Renault](#), 200 Bay Street (Suite 3800, Royal Bank Plaza, South Tower)

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## Feature Posts

Recent Trends in the Economics of Copyright  
December 8, 2008 by Ruth Towse

*"Recent Trends in the Economics of Copyright", is a new book edited by Professor Ruth Towse (Erasmus University Rotterdam and Bournemouth University) and Professor Richard Watt (University of Canterbury)*

The book is part of an Elgar Publishing series, *Recent Trends*, and I was commissioned to edit this one on the Economics of Copyright. At the time, I was about to spend time in New Zealand with my friend and colleague from SERCI (Society of Economic Research in Copyright Issues) Richard Watt at the University of Canterbury and it seemed a good opportunity to collaborate, especially as he had recently been involved in a conference on the economics of software, a topic about which I am dreadfully ignorant. [Read more](#)

## Lord Justice Jacob speaks on the European Commission's Pharmaceutical Sector Inquiry preliminary report

Professor Ikechi Mbeoji will be participating in a workshop on Indigenous Knowledge & Intellectual Property at **University of Ibadan**, Feb 1-6, 2009. [Invitation and details here.](#)

In a speech given at a European Commission conference on competition in the pharmaceutical sector, Lord Justice Jacob discussed the importance of drug patents. [View the video.](#)

## IP Poll of the Week

Do you think that current public perceptions of intellectual property are too polarized and emotional, as suggested in a recent report by Dr. Roya Ghafele?

To read a summary and comment on the "Perceptions of Intellectual Property" report on IPilogue, [click here](#).

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

## IPilogue - Recent Posts

EPO Confirms Human Embryonic Stem Cells Cannot be Patented

## IP in the News

### [Internet Governance must ensure freedom of expression and universal access, UNESCO says](#)

A three day Internet Governance Forum tackles a broad variety of topics relating to freedom of expression and universal access to information.

### [Barbie makes Bratz bow out](#)

MGA Entertainment Inc., has been ordered to stop manufacturing Bratz dolls after losing a lawsuit launched by Mattel.

### [Finland slammed by Euro rights court on two counts](#)

European Court of Human Rights finds Finland in violation of the right to respect for private life by failing to balance privacy with child protection laws. (The **court decision** is available [here](#))

### [Sleeman hopping mad over Dead Frog bottles](#)

Two Canadian breweries are in a dispute over the use of clear, embossed glass beer bottles

### [European Commission Report: Originators Block Generic Competition](#)

The European Commission issued a preliminary report and initial conclusions on its inquiry into originator pharmaceutical company practices that may delay or prevent the entry of generics.

(The **preliminary report**, along with archived speeches and videos presented at a conference held on November 28 is available [here](#).)

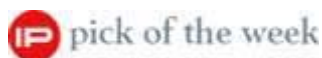
### [UK police DNA bank a 'human rights violation'](#)

The European Court of Human Rights has ruled that the UK practice of retaining DNA records of suspects who were not convicted of any crime is a human rights violation.

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

### [Setting the Standards: Fed. Cir. Upholds Big Broadcom-Qualcomm Ruling](#)

Court limits Qualcomm's ability to enforce patents that it did not disclose to a standard setting group.



The [eLawNetwork](#) is run by Sundeep Chauhan and contains links to Internet-related caselaw, legislation, & articles.

December 8, 2008 by Brandon Evenson (IPilogue Editor)

The process to harvest human embryonic stem cells (hESC) may be old news in the scientific community; however, the issues raised by this area of science continue to be debated in law and politics. [Read more](#)

Perceptions of IP: A Review

December 5, 2008 by Julian Ho (IPilogue Editor)

In a recently released [report](#) by the Intellectual Property Institute (IPI) in London, Dr. Roya Ghafele takes a unique approach in synthesizing the many existing viewpoints in the multi-faceted arena of IP public policy debate. In an age where these debates are becoming ever more complex and heated, her accessible and balanced summary is useful in providing a thorough primer on the many troughs and valleys in the landscape of the current public discourse. [Read more](#)

Criminal Penalties for Online Breach of Terms and Services in MySpace Suicide Case

December 4, 2008 by Ryan Prescott (IPilogue Editor)

Lori Drew has been found guilty by a jury in a Federal Circuit Court in California of unauthorized access to a computer system in contravention of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1030. The charges were laid after Ms. Drew set up a fake MySpace account posing as a 16 year old boy. [Read more](#)

Changing role of 'You' in 'YouTube'

December 3, 2008 by Reshika Dhir (IPilogue Editor)

Ever since the inception of YouTube, people have been extremely creative in finding applications of this user-friendly platform. Owing to its profound integration into our daily lives, its uses have emerged beyond the realm of entertainment. [Read more](#)

Trademark Protection Under Pressure

December 2, 2008 by Jonathan Giraldi (IPilogue Editor)

According to a recent [decision](#) by a WIPO arbitration panel, an original manufacturer may not have an infringement complaint when an unauthorized dealer's domain name contains the manufacturer's trademark. Although there has been some criticism of the ruling, the decision appears to provide a balanced result. [Read more](#)

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