

April 24, 2006

**TO: Members of the Intellectual Property  
Law Association of Chicago**

**RE: IPLAC Annual Meeting**

It is my pleasure to invite you to the Annual Meeting of The Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago.

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 17, 2006  
**TIME:** 5:30 p.m. - Reception  
6:00 p.m. - Dinner  
**PLACE:** University Club  
76 East Monroe Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Following our custom, dinner will be provided free of charge to all active members. A cash bar will be open during the reception, and wine service will be available during dinner on a COD basis.

#### **Inventor of the Year/Scholarship Award**

The IPLAC 2006 Inventor of the Year Award will be presented. In addition, the IPLAC Educational Foundation will present the 2006 Scholarship Awards to deserving Chicago high school students.

#### **Election of the Officers and Board**

The brief business portion of the meeting will include the election of Officers and Board Members for 2006-2007. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Mary Schnurr and consisting of former IPLAC Presidents, nominated the following members as Officers and Board Members:

**President-Elect:** **James R. Sobieraj** (Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione)

**Vice President:** **Joseph E. Shipley** (Fitch Even Tabin & Flannery)

**Secretary:** **Steven E. Feldman** (Welsh & Katz)

**Board of Managers:** **William J. Bowe** (Encyclopedia Britannica)  
**Frederick Meyers** (Ladas & Parry)  
**Kevin Noonan** (McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff)  
**George Wheeler** (McAndrews Held & Malloy)

Each of the prospective nominees has agreed to serve if elected. The term of the President-Elect and Vice President is one year each. The term of Secretary, Treasurer and the Board of Managers is two years each.

In accordance with the IPLAC By-Laws:

**President: Debbie Wright** (Kraft Foods), who served as President-Elect during the past year, automatically becomes President for the coming year.

**Treasurer: Jeffrey Burgan** (Leydig Voit & Mayer) will serve his second year as Treasurer.

**Past President: Mark Feldman** (DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary), who served as President the past year, continues on the Board as immediate past President.

The following current members of the **Board of Managers** and the current Secretary do not stand for election and will complete their second year of their two-year terms on the Board of Managers:

**Meredith M. Addy** (Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione)  
**Amy Crout-Ziegler** (DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary)  
**Edward Manzo** (Cook Alex McFarron Manzo Cummings & Mehler)  
**Kevin Thompson** (Davis & McGrath)  
**Heather Steinmeyer** (Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association).

The following Board Members and the Secretary have completed their two year term of service for which we extend our appreciation:

**Sana Hakim** (Bell Boyd & Lloyd)  
**Paul Kitch** (Jenkins & Gilchrist)  
**Jack Nimz** (Wm. Wrigley & Co.)  
**Stephen Scherrer** (McDermott Will & Emery)  
**Heather Steinmeyer** (Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association).

### **Amendment to the Bylaws**

The Board of Managers approved and seeks ratification of one amendment to the by-laws. The proposal is to add a category of membership for law faculty. We would like to encourage local law faculty in the intellectual property field to join IPLAC.

The specific proposal is to add a new section to Article III (Membership) as follows:

"ARTICLE III Membership

SECTION 1. The membership of this Association shall consist of the following types of members:

...

(9) Faculty Member - Anyone who otherwise meets the membership requirements and is a full-time employee of an accredited law school. Faculty Members shall have all of the privileges of the Association."

This amendment will be presented for a vote by the members attending the May 17, 2006 Annual Meeting.

**Make Your Dinner Reservation**

You may make a reservation for the dinner by returning the enclosed form by facsimile to Janet A. Pioli at 312-321-4299 or e-mailing your confirmation to [jpioli@usebrinks.com](mailto:jpioli@usebrinks.com). Reservations must be made by May 10, 2006. If you have made a reservation and later find you will be unable to attend, please notify Janet A. Pioli at 312-321-4725 so that IPLAC is not charged for the cost of your dinner.

The Minutes for the 2005 Annual Meeting and a current Treasurer's Report will be sent to all members by e-mail in advance of the Meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting on May 17, 2006.

Very truly yours,

THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW  
ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO

Heather Steinmeyer  
Secretary

Enclosures

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   ***6:00 p.m. dinner***

***Cost:***                         ***Complimentary for Active Members***

***Featuring:***                 •     ***Inventor of the Year Award***  
   •     ***Election of Officers and Board***

Please return to:  
Janet A. Pioli  
(312) 321-4299 – Fax

**RESERVATION FORM**  
**FOR**  
**THE ANNUAL (DINNER) MEETING – MAY 17, 2006**  
**OF THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, will attend the Annual  
(Dinner) meeting to be held on May 17, 2006 at the University Club in Chicago.