



International Speakers

Information Technology Patents

Current Position in USA, Europe and Australia

Thursday 22 November 2007

8.30am to 1.00pm

Registration from 8.10am

Monash University Law Chambers

472 Bourke St

Melbourne

Speakers

Australia: David Webber, Partner, Davies Collison Cave

UK: Peter Finnie, Partner, Gill Jennings & Every LLP

USA: Eric Nelson, Partner, Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP

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Speakers

David Webber, Partner, Davies Collison Cave

David Webber is a Partner of Davies Collison Cave which is one of Australia's largest patent and trade mark attorney firms, and combines with Davies Collison Cave Solicitors which is the associated intellectual property legal practice.

David is a patent attorney and solicitor who specialises in patent, design and copyright advice for information and communications technology. He has particular expertise in patents for internet, telecommunications, business methods and e-commerce products. He has academic qualifications in electronic engineering and law and has considerable experience in patent drafting, infringement and opposition matters.

David lectures in patent and copyright law and integrated circuit legislation for the University of Melbourne and Monash University. He has worked as in-house counsel in London, and presented seminars to the Australian Patent Office on business system patents. He is regularly invited to speak to the business and legal community on computer software protection and e-commerce issues and contributes to a number of intellectual property journals. He is currently a member of the Australian Government's Professional Standards Board for Patent and Trade Marks Attorneys. David is an Australian representative on the copyright committee of the Asian Patent Attorneys Association.



Peter Finnie, Partner, Gill Jennings & Every LLP

Peter Finnie is a Partner of Gill Jennings & Every LLP (GJE) which is a London-based firm of European Patent Attorneys and Trade Mark Attorneys. Gill Jennings & Every LLP is one of the largest patent and trade mark firms in the United Kingdom.

Peter is a recommended Patent Attorney in the latest edition of the UK Legal 500 (2007). He graduated from Durham University with an Honours Degree in Engineering, specialising in electronics and telecommunications. He handles a wide range of engineering related technologies.

Peter has considerable experience before the UK Patent Office and European Patent Office handling complex cases relating to the protection of computer-implemented inventions. He is co chairman of the influential International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI) Committee Q132 which considers these issues from an international perspective. He is also a Council member of the UK Group of AIPPI.

The core of Peter's practice is represented by UK start-up companies for whom he advises on the development of intellectual property strategies as an integral part of business planning and fund raising. He has helped guide his clients through a number of successful funding rounds involving both UK and foreign investors. Peter has also acted for a number of private equity investors.



Eric Nelson, Partner, Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP

Eric Nelson is a Partner in the San Diego office of the United States intellectual property law firm Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP. With more than 180 lawyers who specialise in intellectual property law, Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP is one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the United States.

Eric's practice includes representation of clients in the software, internet, electrical, mechanical and telecommunication markets. He specialises in patent-related matters (including preparation and procurement of patents and trademarks, appeals, oppositions and cancellations), technology licensing, and developing intellectual property strategies. His other legal areas of emphasis are copyright, trade marks and domain names. He is registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office and is a member of the State Bar of California.

Eric's technical areas of emphasis are:

- electrical/computers;
- mechanical engineering;
- software, internet and data processing; and
- telecommunications

Prior to joining Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP, Eric developed new operating systems and applications software for IBM. In addition to his law degree, Eric holds a B.S. Computer Science.

Eric is a member of the San Diego Software Industry Council. His international presentations have included presentations to the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (in Japan) and the Computer Law Association European Conference (in the Netherlands).



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Program

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David Webber

Chairperson's introductory comments

8.45am - 9.35am

Peter Finnie

- State of UK law after Aerotel/Macrossan (UK Court of Appeal)
- EPO practice following Duns Licensing Associates
- The proposed European Interoperability Patent (SoftIP)

9.40am - 10.30am

Eric Nelson

- The current state of software and business process patents in the US post:
 - KSR v Teleflex
 - Ebay v MercExchange
 - Laboratory v Metabolite
 - In re Lundgren
 - In re Seagate Tech LLC
- Dealing with patent trolls in the US
- The new US PTO rules

10.35am-11.00am

Morning Tea

11.05am - 11.55am

David Webber

- Software and business process patents in Australia post Grant v Commissioner of Patents
- Current practice before IP Australia

12.00pm - 12.50pm

Example case study

12.55pm - 1.00pm

David Webber

Chairperson's concluding comments

About Tech IP Professional Development

Tech IP Professional Development provides high quality professional development programs relating to the protection and commercialisation of technology and intellectual property.

Dean Ellinson is CEO of Tech IP Professional Development.

Dean's previous positions over a 20 year period have included, most recently, General Counsel, Monash Commercial, and prior to that role: Special Counsel, Blake Dawson Waldron; Consultant, Clayton Utz; General Counsel, GE Capital IT Solutions (Australia); and Partner, Dunhill Madden Butler (now known as Deacons).



Dean's past appointments have included: Chair, Law Institute of Victoria's Intellectual Property and Information Technology Committee; and Australian Corporate Lawyers Association's representative on the Council of the Law Institute of Victoria



Dean has had several published articles on intellectual property and information technology law including in the Australian Business Law Review, University of New South Wales Law Journal and Melbourne University Law Review. He was a contributing author to some of the Copyright chapters in *CCH Australian Industrial & Intellectual Property (1991)*.

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