Trademark Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Legislative Update

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Congressional Hearings:

Highlight on IP-related hearings (USPTO not testifying):

**Patents**


- “Patent Reform Implementation and New Challenges for Small Businesses” – May 15, 2013, House Committee on Small Business
Copyrights


- Additional Hearings expected in September.
Various proposals/approaches to address abusive litigation:

**White House Announcement** - June 4, 2013, announcement:
- 5 Executive Actions (*4 of which USPTO is implementing*)
- 7 legislative recommendations

**Congressional Activity** - Various Introduced bills or Circulated Drafts:

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113th Congress (Miscellaneous IP Legislation)

**Budget**

**“Redskins”**

**Counterfeiting & Designs**
  - Promoting Automotive Repair, Trade and Sales (Parts) Act
    - **S.780** (Sen. Whitehouse, D-RI) – introduced: 4/23/2013

**Trade Secrets** – creating a private right of action against theft
- **H.R. 2466** (Lofgren, D-CA-19) – introduced: 6/20/2013
- **S. __**, (Coons, D-DE) – expected to reintroduce from 112th Congress
113th Congress – Selected Bills/Activity

**Cyber Security**
- **H.R.624** (Rogers, R-MI-8) – introduced: 2/13/2013
- **S.21** (Rockefeller, D-WV) – introduced: 1/22/2013
- **S.884** (Sen. Levin, D-MI) – introduced: 5/7/2013
- **Executive Order**, “Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity” (2/12/2013)

**Generic Drugs**
- **S.214**, “Preserve Access to Affordable Generics Act” (Klobuchar, D-MN) – introduced: 2/4/2013

**Miscellaneous**
- “Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act of 2013”
  - **H.R.708** (Doyle, D-PA-14) – introduced: 2/14/2013
  - **S. 350** (Cornyn, R-TX) – introduced: 2/14/2013
- “Aaron’s Law Act of 2013”
  - **H.R.2454** (Lofgren, D-CA-19) – introduced: 6/20/2013
  - **S. 1196** (Wyden, D-OR) – introduced: 6/20/2013
Other Considerations for the 113th Congress

- **Required Appropriations Reports to Congress (FY13 requirements)** – inc. Trademark Squatting

- **Satellite Offices**
  - Continued interest from Capitol Hill
  - Local support for outreach and education (in Silicon Valley, Denver and elsewhere)

- **Nominations:**
  - The Hon. Penny Pritzker – Secretary of Commerce
  - Ray Chen – U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (pending Senate vote)

- **Partnership with the Smithsonian Institute (2 highlighted)**
  - The Innovation Pavilion at the Arts and Industry Building
  - “Build a Better Mousetrap” Hill Staff tour (July 11)

- **USPTO Outreach to Hill Staff**
  - Individual Staff Meetings with Judiciary and New Members
  - Preparing for Telework meetings with Oversight Committees
  - Other Committee and Caucus Briefings
  - “Day in the Life” Visits for Congressional Staff (June 21)
  - Trademark Externs visit Capitol Hill (July 23)
Thank you.

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