

Patent Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Legislative Update



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Active IP Legislation

IP Legislation Highlights:

- PLT and Hague Design Implementing Bills – (S. 3486 and H.R. 6432)
- “Saving High-Tech Innovators from Egregious Legal Disputes” (SHIELD) Act – (H.R. 6246)
- “Promoting Automotive Repair, Trade, and Sales” (PARTS) Act (H.R. 3889)
- “Innovative Design Protection Act of 2012” – (S. 3523)
- “Protecting American Trade Secrets and Innovation Act of 2012” (S. 3389)
- FY 2013 Appropriations – CR through March 27, 2013

Drafts Legislation discussed:

- AIA Technical Corrections (draft)
- Intellectual Property Attaché Act (draft)



Congressional Reports

Outstanding Reports required by the AIA:

- Second Opinion Genetic Diagnostic Testing – USPTO
- Impact of FITF on Small Business – SBA Chief Counsel for Advocacy in consultation with USPTO General Counsel
- Patent Litigation by NPEs – GAO (expected release: Nov. 2012)



Congressional Hearings in 2012

- **Prior User Rights Defense – February 1, 2012**
 - *House Judiciary, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet*
- **FY 2013 Appropriations – March 1, 2012**
 - *House Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science*
- **AIA Implementation – May 16, 2012**
 - *House Judiciary Committee*
- **AIA Implementation/International Harmonization – June 20, 2012**
 - *Senate Judiciary Committee*
- **International IP Enforcement – June 27, 2012 (Rea)**
 - *House Judiciary IP Subcommittee*
- **Economic Espionage – June 28, 2012 (Graham)**
 - *House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence*



Lame Duck Session and Beyond

- **Sequestration** – January 2013
- **Satellite Offices** – Continued status briefings
- **Remaining Legislative Items**
- **Internet Association** -- New Lobbying Effort by Google, Amazon, Facebook, Yahoo, et al.
- **“Day in the Life”** – Congressional Staffers Visit
- **Congressional Staff Meetings/Briefings Ongoing**



Thank you.

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