Legislative/Governmental Affairs update

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Patent Public Advisory Committee quarterly meeting
Legislative activity—Recap
116th Congress

- Patents for Humanity (P.L. 116-316)
- Permanent authorization for TEAPP in the FY21 NDAA (P.L. 116-283)
- FY21 Omnibus Bill (P.L. 116-260)
  - Trademark Modernization Act
  - CASE Act
  - Illicit digital streaming
- IP attaché rank elevation
Congressional activity
117th Congress

• Judiciary Committee Retirements and Changes
  – Senate Judiciary Committee
    • Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL) is the Chairman of the full committee and Sen. Charles E. Grassley (R-IA) is the Ranking Member
    • Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE) is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Intellectual Property and Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC) is the Ranking Member
  – House Judiciary Committee
    • Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-NY) remains Chairman of the Full Committee and Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) remains the Ranking Member
    • Rep. Hank Johnson (D-GA), remains the Chairman in the Subcommittee on the Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet and Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA) will become the Ranking Member
Congressional Activity
117th Congress

• Nomination hearing for the Honorable Gina Raimondo to be Secretary of Commerce
  – Hearing before the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee held on January 26, 2021
  – Reported favorably out of committee on February 3, 2021 (21-3)
  – Awaiting a vote by the full Senate
Thank you!

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