

Patent Quality Community Symposium: Practitioner Panel

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Listed in order of presentation

Rick Nydegger is a founding shareholder, and a former officer and managing director of the firm. In the early years of his practice, he was engaged in trial practice, and assisted in successfully conducting several of the first major patent litigation matters handled by the Firm. Mr. Nydegger later developed an extensive prosecution practice, and is experienced in a variety of related intellectual property transactional matters, including preparation and drafting of opinions, licensing transactions, and conducting due diligence for the intellectual property portfolios of clients involved in early or later stage funding transactions, as well as various kinds of IP asset or corporate acquisition transactions. He currently manages many of the firm's major clients in the electronic, software, information science, e-commerce and medical device technologies. He has also served as a mediator and arbitrator in IP cases.

Mr. Nydegger has worked closely with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the development of several important policy initiatives over the years. He participated in assisting PTO personnel with the drafting of several widely used Guidelines adopted by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for the use of its patent examining corp when conducting examination of software related inventions. In July of 2003, he was appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Commerce to a three year term as Chair of the Patent Public Advisory Committee.

Kevin Noonan is a partner with McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff LLP. An experienced biotechnology patent lawyer, Dr. Noonan brings more than 20 years of extensive work as a molecular biologist studying high-technology problems in serving the unique needs of his clients. His practice involves all aspects of patent prosecution, interferences, and litigation. He represents pharmaceutical companies both large and small on a myriad of issues, as well as several universities in both patenting and licensing to outside investors. He has also filed amicus briefs to district courts, the Federal Circuit and the Supreme Court involving patenting issues relevant to biotechnology. He has authored *amicus curiae* briefs in landmark patent and other cases in U.S. Courts of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Dr. Noonan is a frequent speaker, commentator and author on a variety of intellectual property law topics. He is a founding author of the [Patent Docs weblog](#), a site focusing on biotechnology and pharmaceutical patent law. In 2010, he was interviewed for a segment that aired on the television program "60 Minutes" that addressed the issue of gene patenting.

Bill Bunker is a partner in the Orange County office of Knobbe Martens. He joined the firm in 1978 and became a partner in 1980.

Mr. Bunker focuses on developing and executing worldwide patent and trademark protection strategies for a wide diversity of clients – from startups to multi-national corporations. He has extensive experience in the many fields of medical devices, as well as computer implemented and internet based inventions such as financial services and various forms of business methods.

Mr. Bunker frequently advises clients on clearance matters (so called “freedom to operate” or “right to practice” analyses) as well as responding to and conducting due diligence in investment and acquisition contexts. Licensing and all forms of business transactions involving IP is a substantial portion of Mr. Bunker’s practice.

Mr. Bunker has been a contributing author on intellectual property law for the Los Angeles Daily Journal, including such topics as the GATT amendments to U.S. intellectual property laws, European Community Trade Mark system, color trademarks, doctrine of equivalents, and declaratory judgment practice. Mr. Bunker has served as a legal expert witness in various intellectual property matters.

Mr. Bunker has lectured on intellectual property law to the World Trade Association of San Diego, the Orange County and San Diego Patent Law Associations, San Diego's High Technology Section of the C.P.A. Society, the UCSD CONNECT Program on Technology and Entrepreneurship, the High Technology Section of the Orange County Bar Association, the Tax and Business Law Section of the Riverside County Bar Association, Licensing Executives Society, and the International Bar Association. He also has lectured on various patent and intellectual property topics in Tokyo and Osaka, Japan; Santiago, Chile; Barcelona, Spain; Budapest, Hungary; Cancun, Mexico; Reykjavik, Iceland; Singapore; Buenos Aires, Argentine; Madrid, Spain; Copenhagen, Denmark; and Vancouver, Canada.

Laura Sheridan is Patent Counsel at Google, where she works on patent policy and manages a team focused on patent strategy. As a registered patent attorney, Laura was previously in private practice at WilmerHale, where she specialized in patent prosecution, litigation, IP due diligence, and post-grant practice before the Patent Office. She speaks regularly on patent challenges under the AIA, the patent reform landscape, and defensive strategies against non-practicing entities.

Tim Wilson is Senior Intellectual Property Counsel in the Legal Division at SAS, where he leads the patent practice, and advises on intellectual property law and competitive intelligence issues. Prior to joining SAS, Tim was an associate at Brown Raysman in New York, where he counseled clients on licensing and outsourcing transactions. Tim is a member of the Editorial Board of *Intellectual Property Magazine*.