

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW COMMITTEE  
BUSINESS LAW SECTION  
THE FLORIDA BAR**

MEETING MINUTES– 10<sup>th</sup> Annual IP Symposium  
Thursday, April 11, 2019, Loews Portofino, Orlando at 4:10 PM

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**Attendees:** In person: *See attached.* On the phone: None.

**I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIR**

Terry Sanks called the meeting to order at approximately 4:10. Terry encouraged everyone to join the IP listserv.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Adoption of Meeting Minutes** – January 17, 2019 2019 Mid-Year BLS Meeting, Hilton Orlando at Sea World – Approved, subject to attaching referenced attendance list as an exhibit.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. IP Symposium Update** – Michele Moss, Orlando – As of today there are 73 registered attendees, not including 30 panelists and 14 steering committee members that are attending. Terry encouraged everyone to provide their thoughts on future Symposia to Michele, Jim, or Terry. As of now we may not hold the IP Certification panel next year, as it has been presented at prior symposia held in each of the three locations (Tampa, Orlando, and South Florida).
- B. Basic IP CLE for Business Lawyers** – Terry Sanks, Orlando - Discussion of what is the role of the IP committee, including whether we need to offer programs that benefit others, such as business lawyers. For example, we should consider adding a basic IP for business attorneys, either on the day before symposium or at another time.

- C. IP Certification Update** – Brian Gilchrist, Orlando – There are currently 141 board certified IP attorneys. The next test is May 16, and six are scheduled to take it. Deadline for applying to take the 2020 test is October 31, 2019. Changes to the test for the 2020 exam include registered patent attorneys can no longer waive the section on patents, now everyone takes same test. Discussion of whether we should put together another IP cert course. **Mark Stein made a motion to form an exploratory task force regarding creating a CLE for board certification, and the motion passed with none opposed. Joe Englander agreed to chair this task force.**
- D. Legislative Update**—Jacqueline Tadros, Ft. Lauderdale
1. Trademark Statute Amendment Update (SB 198, HB 445) –has passed – it amends current statute to revise classes to conform to the USPTO’s classes. The amendment takes effect in July 2019. Revisions were prepared by Dineen and the IP committee.
  2. Trade Secrets Legislation Update (HB 759 and HB 761) – the IP committee voted unanimously in March to oppose HB 759. The House bill is expected to pass, the Senate bill is stalled in committee as of now. Mark Stein predicts it may come back in the future, and in case it does we need to make technical amendments.
  3. Restrictive Covenants Update (SB 882, HB 1243) – The IP committee voted against these bills. The BLS task force is working with senator Gruiter’s committee. A joint task force between the IP committee and the Business Lit committee meets today to discuss. Need white paper ASAP.
- E. Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Task Force Update** – Woody Pollack, Tampa – Sens. Gruters and Santiago originally proposed forming a state-wide working group of 19 individuals from industry and government, this has since been changed to a task force of 12. Interest in legislation appears to be gaining momentum again, anyone interested should join the task force.
- F. Future Meetings** – The next meeting is during the Florida Bar Annual Convention, set for June 26-28, at the Boca Resort and Club. Anyone interested in speaking at the IP committee meeting should contact Jim Matulis. The Business Law Technical Committee will hold a CLE on June 26, and this CLE will most likely will qualify for IP credit. The Labor Day Retreat will be held at the Ritz Carlton for the next three years.

**IV.** Meeting adjourned at 4:50.