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• How to identify the invention
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Morning Session: 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

9:00
Program Overview
The program begins with a review of the three-day schedule.
NYC: John A. O’Brien
SF: Michael A. Molano

9:15
Taking Invention Disclosures
An explanation of how to take an effective invention disclosure. A review of how to determine inventorship, ethical obligations related to who the client is and the prior art known by the inventor or others, exploring on-sale bar issues and other common pitfalls in inventor interviews (e.g., explaining best mode and other 112 requirements to the inventor).
NYC: John A. O’Brien
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10:15
Overview of Claim Drafting and Preparation of Patent Application
This presentation focuses on analyzing the invention disclosure, preparing drawings and claims, choosing embodiments, and preparing the specification and filing the patent application.
NYC: William S. Frommer
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11:15 Networking Break

11:30
Claim Drafting
Basic claim drafting principles and formats; preparing claims in different statutory classes, different technologies, including mechanical, electrical and chemical, and filing the application.
NYC: Robert C. Faber
SF: Wendy A. Choi

12:30 Lunch Break

Afternoon Session: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

2:00
Clinic I
NYC: You will draft, analyze and amend claims to provided inventions. Your claims will be reviewed and analyzed on a one-on-one basis with the clinic tutor.
SF: You will analyze and draft claims to a sample invention. Your claims will be reviewed and analyzed on a one-on-one basis with the clinic tutor.

SF Clinic Instructors: Brandon Baum, Jennifer R. Bush, Wendy A. Choi, Stephen C. Durant, Mary A. Fuller, Michael A. Molano, Marc A. Sockol

4:30
Review of Model Claims

5:00 Adjourn

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Morning Session: 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
9:00 Patent Prosecution
This presentation will give an overview of patent prosecution and include a review of common mistakes made during patent prosecution in responding to Office Actions, understanding differences between objections/rejections, how to respond to each, how to amend the specification, claims and drawings, and how to analyze references. Also, responses to final actions, appeals, reissues, and other post-issuance matters will be covered. Lastly, recent changes in the law relating to patent prosecution and ethical issues for Information Disclosure Statements will be discussed.
NYC: Adda C. Gogoris, Thomas J. Kowalski, Len S. Smith
SF: Jennifer R. Bush
11:00 Networking Break
11:15 Conducting the Examiner Interview
After receiving an Office Action, an Examiner interview is a golden opportunity for a patent applicant and an Examiner to arrive at a mutual understanding of the issues in a case. A mock interview format will be used to illustrate the interview process from the perspectives of the applicant and the Examiner, as well as to highlight important aspects of patent prosecution. You will learn how to prepare for and conduct an effective interview and how to create an accurate record of what was agreed upon during the interview.
NYC: Michael A. Davitz, Samuel S. Woodley
SF: Stephen C. Durant
12:15 Lunch Break

Afternoon Session: 1:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
1:45 Clinic II
You will receive an amendment problem relating to the sample invention to work on individually. After general discussion, the clinic tutor will review your responses on a one-on-one basis.
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SF Clinic Instructors: Brandon Baum, Jennifer R. Bush, Wendy A. Choi, Stephen C. Durant, Mary A. Fuller, Michael A. Molano, Marc A. Sockol
4:30 Review of Model Amendment
5:00 Adjourn

DAY THREE: 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Morning Session: 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
9:00 Litigation Issues
Litigation issues relevant to patent prosecution with particular emphasis on prosecution issues in claim construction, means plus function claim language, Doctrine of Equivalents analysis in view of the Festo decisions, inequitable conduct, and the preparation of non-infringement and invalidity opinions.
NYC: Jeannie C. Curtis, Marta E. Delsignore, Robert D. Schaffer, Louis S. Sorell
SF: Brandon Baum, Mary A. Fuller, Michael A. Molano
11:15 Networking Break
11:30 Litigation Issues (Continued)
12:30 Lunch Break

Afternoon Session: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
2:00 Clinic III
NYC: You will work on problems relevant to patent prosecution issues and opinion drafting. You and the clinic tutor will then review and discuss your responses on a one-on-one basis.
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3:15 Networking Break
3:30 Clinic III (Continued)
5:00 Adjourn

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