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William O. Hennessey, Professor, Franklin Pierce Law Center. Professor Hennessey directs the Pierce Law – Tsinghua School of Law Intellectual Property Summer Institute in Beijing, China. He has traveled to, lectured in and concerning, and written about China for 30 years. This year’s Baker Botts Lecture represents a summation and a reflection on those three decades of monumental change in IP law in the Middle Kingdom — ancient civilization, host of the 2008 Olympic Games, and potential IP powerhouse of the 21st Century.

Professor Hennessey holds an AB in Biology from Brown University, a JD from Franklin Pierce Law Center, and a PhD in Chinese Language and Literature from the University of Michigan. Prior to coming to Pierce Law and serving as Chair, Intellectual Property Graduate Programs, Professor Hennessey worked as an interpreter with delegations of Chinese scientists and policymakers for the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) at the National Academy of Sciences and at hearings before several Congressional subcommittees. He also taught Chinese fiction and poetry at the University of Illinois and Oberlin College from 1979 until 1983. He continues to work as a translation advisor to the Legislative Drafting Office of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China.

Hennessey is a member of the Advisory Board of the WIPO Worldwide Academy. He has been a regular consultant on international intellectual property issues for WIPO, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the Department of State, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and a number of foreign governments. He is the co-author of *INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW AND POLICY* (2d ed. 2008) and *INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE PATENT LAW* (2002). At Pierce Law, he teaches Trademark Law, World Trade and World Intellectual Property Law and Institutions, and Public International Law.

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