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SEPTEMBER 17 – 19, 2026

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Highlights

Compliance and Export Controls for
Patent Prosecution

Design Patents
and Copyright Intersection

Federal Circuit Patent Law:
a Year in Review

Patent and Trade Secret Damages

Prosecution Strategies in view of
the UPC and Unitary Patent

Realignment of Subject Matter
Eligibility Guidelines

Supreme Court Update

Texas Patent Litigation in 2026:
Venue Realignment
and PTAB Crosswinds

PENDING APPROVAL BY
THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS

14.75 Hours Participatory CLE,
Including 3 Hours Ethics

Featuring

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Shira Perlmutter
U.S. Copyright Office

COMMUNITY IP SPEAKERS
Simon Tam and Joe Jiang
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(additional panelists forthcoming)

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Moderator: Tyler Burdon	1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. IP: A VIEW FROM INSIDE THE BELTWAY Sharon Israel	3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. TEXAS PATENT LITIGATION IN 2026: VENUE REALIGNMENT AND PTAB CROSSWINDS Natalie Alfaro Gonzales	4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. PROSECUTION STRATEGIES IN VIEW OF THE UPC AND UNITARY PATENT Phil Jeffrey George Schlich
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. ChIPs RECEPTION	1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. PTAB UPDATE Christopher (Kit) Crumbley	3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. INTERVIEW PRACTICE UPDATE Sahana Annadorai Steven VerSteege	5:30 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS Jorge Lozano
SPONSORED BY: Forthcoming	2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. RULE 11 AND IP LITIGATION (ETHICS – 0.5 HOURS) Cristina Guerrero	4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. TRADEMARK LAW UPDATE Catherine Rifai	7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. SPECIAL EVENT Moody Gardens Hotel
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. REGISTRATION	2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. BREAK		SPONSORED BY: Forthcoming
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12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. OPENING REMARKS Jorge Lozano			

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. COMMUNITY IP BREAKFAST AND PRESENTATION	8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. COMMUNITY IP BREAKFAST PRESENTATION Simon Tam Joe Jiang THE SLANTS	10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. BREAK	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. KEYNOTE PRESENTATION AND LUNCHEON Shira Perlmutter U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE
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8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. OPENING REMARKS Jorge Lozano	9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. FEDERAL CIRCUIT PATENT LAW: A YEAR IN REVIEW PART 1 (ETHICS – 0.25 HOURS) Mike Hawes	10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. FEDERAL CIRCUIT PATENT LAW: A YEAR IN REVIEW PART 2 (ETHICS – 0.25 HOURS) Steve Spears	
		11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. COPYRIGHT UPDATE Professor Zachary Catanzaro	

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 18

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. AFTERNOON ANNOUNCEMENTS Jorge Lozano	2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. FORTHCOMING	3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. INVENTORSHIP AND AI (ETHICS – 0.25 HOURS) Scott Adams	5:30 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS Jorge Lozano
1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. JUDICIAL PANEL (ETHICS – 0.25 HOURS) Hon. Susan Hightower Leisa Talbert Peschel, Moderator	2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. PATENT AND TRADE SECRETS DAMAGES Tiffany Lewis	4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. PATENT PROSECUTION AND AI: NAVIGATING THE ETHICAL THICKET (ETHICS – 0.50 HOURS) Carlo Cotrone	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. PRESIDENTS' RECEPTION
	3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. BREAK	4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. THE REALIGNMENT OF SUBJECT MATTER ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES (ETHICS - 0.25 HOURS) Kristopher Reichlen	SPONSORED BY: StoneTurn
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. THE DILEMMA OF FILING DOCUMENTS AT USPTO UNDER SEAL OR EXPUNGING (ETHICS – 0.25 HOURS) Tamsen Valoir	10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. BREAK	11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. DESIGN PATENTS AND COPYRIGHT INTERSECTION Holly Barnes
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8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. OPENING REMARKS Jorge Lozano	9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. COMPLIANCE WITH EXPORT CONTROLS FOR PATENT PROSECUTION (ETHICS - 0.25 HOURS) Mauricio Uribe	10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ETHICS, CYBERSECURITY, AND TRANSACTIONS (ETHICS - 0.25 HOURS) Rachel Greene Irene Kosturakis	11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. TRADE SECRET UPDATE Liz Flannery
8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. SUPREME COURT UPDATE George Webb			12:00 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS Jorge Lozano

SPECIAL EVENTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

7:30 p.m. - **Piano Bar Social** - *"Keys to Innovation"*: Network with Fall Institute attendees while enjoying our piano man, Thomas Cokinos.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

9:00 a.m. - **Community IP Speakers**: Simon Tam and Joe Jiang of The Slants; *Sponsored by Greenberg Traurig, LLP*

12:00 p.m. - **Keynote Speaker**: Shira Perlmutter, U.S. Copyright Office; *Sponsored by Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP*

6:00 p.m. - **Presidents' Reception**: Mingle with fellow Fall Institute attendees over drinks and heavy appetizers at the Moody Gardens Hotel. *Sponsored by StoneTurn*

For more information and details of events, please visit: law.uh.edu/ipil/hiplalPinstitute/

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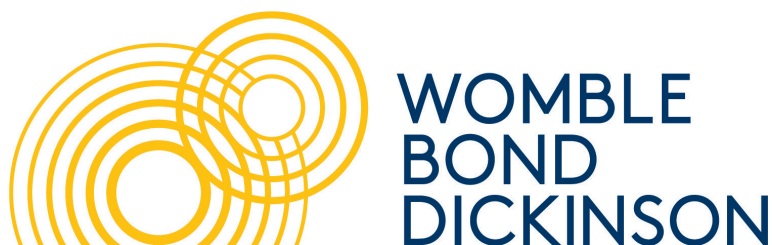
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HOTEL INFORMATION

A block of rooms has been reserved at special conference rates. Make your reservation directly with the Moody Gardens Hotel by phone at **409.683.1299** or using the QR code.



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7 Hope Boulevard
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Reservations will be considered tentative unless guaranteed by the first night's deposit or major credit card.

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Program materials will be provided in an electronic format via the web and smart phone software application *Whova*.

REFUNDS

Refunds will be made only if they are requested in writing no later than **September 2, 2026**.

MINIMUM CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

This program is pending approval for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State Bar of Texas for 14.75 hours, including 3 hours of ethics credit.

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If you have any questions about the program, please call the UH Law Center's Institute for Intellectual Property & Information Law at **713.743.2180** or send email to IPIL@UH.EDU.

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- ☐ Government or in-house HIPLA members - \$725
- ☐ Non-HIPLA members - \$975
- ☐ Student limited registration - \$60

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- ☐ Early Registration (By September 2) - \$825
- ☐ Late Registration (After September 2) - \$925

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- ☐ Course materials without conference registration - \$400

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- ☐ Thursday Special Event - \$100 x _____ = \$ _____
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