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8:00 a.m. – Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:45 a.m. (Sharp) Meeting & Program

12:15 p.m. Luncheon

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◆ **Greer N. Shaw, Esq.**

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9:00 a.m. Patent Reform 2012: Update on the America Invents Act

Discussion by USPTO officials regarding the impact and implementation of the America Invents Act (AIA) by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

◆ **Remy Yucel, Esq.**

United States Patent & Trademark Office

9:45 a.m. Broadening the Base: Best Practices in Reissues

Discussion by USPTO officials regarding best practices before the USPTO related to patent reissues.

◆ **Jean Witz, Esq.**

United States Patent & Trademark Office

10:45 a.m. Morning Break

11:00 a.m. State of the Union: Legal Update on KSR and *Bilski* Issues

Moderated panel considering the state of obviousness and subject matter patentability.

◆ **Remy Yucel, Esq.**

United States Patent & Trademark Office

◆ **Ketan Vakil, Esq.**

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◆ **Moderator: Professor Lee Petherbridge**

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1:00 p.m. Getting into the Act: Third Party Procedures

Moderated panel addressing current and anticipated third party procedures, with an emphasis on the new post-grant review and opposition process introduced by the AIA, and best practices in advising clients contemplating third party procedures.

◆ **Jean Witz, Esq.**

United States Patent & Trademark Office

◆ **Professor Karl Manheim**

Loyola Law School

◆ **Remy Yucel, Esq.**

United States Patent & Trademark Office

◆ **Moderator: Tom Runk, Esq.**

Fulwider Patton LLP

2:20 p.m. On the Fast Track: Accelerated Examination Processes

Discussion by USPTO officials regarding accelerated patent prosecution processes, including traditional accelerated process, Track 1 examinations, pilot programs under the AIA, and the Patent Prosecution Highway.

◆ **Jean Witz, Esq.**

United States Patent & Trademark Office

3:45 p.m. Afternoon Break

4:00 p.m. Reexamination – From Basics to Best Practices

Moderated panel considering the state of reexaminations before the USPTO, from administrative, prosecution, and litigation perspectives, with an emphasis on prospective changes in view of the AIA.

◆ **Remy Yucel, Esq.**

United States Patent & Trademark Office

◆ **Rabi Narula, Esq.**

Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP

◆ **Moderator: Guy Ruttenberg, Esq.**

Kirkland & Ellis LLP

5:30 p.m. Concluding Remarks

◆ **Brian G. Arnold, Esq.**

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