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What Hal's been Doing during His "Sabbatical" from Practice

January 31, 2017, marks the second anniversary of my retirement from Foley & Lardner, at which time I'll conclude my current "sabbatical" from patent practice. The sabbatical has been one of research and writing; creation of a new organization (The Naples Roundtable, Inc.); publications; and frequent international travel including periodic visits to Japan.

The Naples Roundtable, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)3 corporation with the mission "to Explor[e] Ways to Strengthen and Improve the Patent System." Each Winter we host a conference in Naples. Our next Conference will be held January 14-17, 2016; see www.TheNaplesRoundtable.com,

Thomson Reuters is releasing my new book, *First to File Patent Drafting: A Practitioner's Guide*, which the organization will publish and also make available electronically through Westlaw. It will be available in the coming months.

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