



**NAPP's 18th Annual Meeting & Conference**

# **Listing of Presenter Biographies**

**(Alphabetically, with USPTO at the end)**

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## Lisa Adelson

Tuesday Afternoon

### **Maximizing Protection Which Way is Best?: Client Counseling on Licensing, Monetizing and Alternatives to Patents**

Lisa Adelson is a seasoned patent practitioner with numerous years of experience representing clients in all aspects of patent prosecution and counseling. She practices in the biotechnology, chemistry and design arts and has represented clients before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (formerly the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences), and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Lisa also has extensive experience in conducting analyses related to major due diligence and patent litigation matters. Lisa is a strategic thinker who has represented individual and multinational clients at all phases of development. She combines creativity with a keen understanding of current law. Lisa frequently gives seminars to clients and colleagues on current topics in intellectual property law. She earned a B.A. in chemistry magna cum laude from Colgate University in 1993 and received her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 2004. Lisa is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia, Maryland and before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

## David Brophy

Monday Evening

### **Do's and Taboos: Patents Around the World**



David Brophy is a European Patent Attorney with the Irish firm of FRKelly. He holds a degree in experimental physics from Trinity College Dublin and a Master's Degree from King's College London where he wrote his thesis on the interface between copyright and design rights. David has been practising in the patent profession for twenty years, specialising in telecoms and software-related inventions, medical devices and physics-related inventions. He is also keenly interested in design patents and he heads up his firm's design practice.

He is a contributor to the IPKat blog, the leading IP blog on his side of the Atlantic. He served for several years on behalf of the EPO setting and correcting the legal paper of the qualifying exam for European Patent Attorneys. He has written and spoken widely on topics in patent and design law, is Secretary of the EPI committee for online communications, and is a member of the Executive Committee of FICPI.



# Priya Cloutier

Monday Morning

## **Our Changing Practice: Decisions from the Federal Court**

(Sponsored by NAPP's Government Affairs Committee)

Priya Sinha Cloutier is a registered patent attorney who focuses her practice on the procurement and enforcement of domestic and international patents, trademarks and copyrights. Her experience includes various technical areas such as aerospace, hybrid and electrical engines, architecture and construction, medical devices, agriculture, food, and energy systems.

Priya devotes much of her time to managing and coordinating global patent portfolios of various clients, both domestic and international companies, including the preparation and prosecution of patent applications before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. She also counsels clients in avoiding infringement of patents of others and frequently opines with regard to the infringement and/or validity of individual patents, or advises as to a strategy for avoiding the patent portfolios of others. Priya's clients include start-ups, artists, and fortune 50 companies. She serves as Chair of the Government Affairs Committee for the National Association of Patent Practitioners.

# Michael Feigin

Sunday Afternoon

## **Responding to an Office Action**



Michael J. Feigin, Esq. (<http://PatentLawNY.com>) is a practicing patent attorney in New York and New Jersey. A graduate of Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey and Seton Hall Law School in Newark, New Jersey, Mr. Feigin is a licensed Attorney in New Jersey, New York and at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (U.S. Patent Office Reg No. 59,013). [Samples of our issued patents are found here.](#) [Samples of our issued trademarks are found here.](#) Further information about attorney, Michael J. Feigin, may be found [on LinkedIn.](#) After working for patent and trademark law firms in Livingston, New Jersey and Clifton, New Jersey, during which time he received extensive training from patent attorneys and veterans of the AT&T patent department, Mr. Feigin opened his own practice in August of 2007.



## Mavis Gallenson

Tuesday Afternoon

### **Covering All Bases: PCT Considerations**

Mavis Gallenson is the Managing Partner of the Los Angeles office of Ladas & Parry LLC, an international intellectual property law firm which is over 100 years old. Ms. Gallenson is a member of the California State Bar and a registered U.S. patent attorney having practiced patent and trademark law both in the U.S. and Germany. Ms. Gallenson received her B.S. and J.D. degrees from the University of Utah and studied electrical engineering at the University of California, Los Angeles and La Jolla. She has over twenty years of practice in the field of intellectual property law and is experienced in the prosecution of patents and trademarks around the world. She has lectured on various aspects of intellectual property law in both the U.S. and abroad, is a past lecturer on PCT practice through Silicon Valley Seminars, the author of the book "The PCT and The PCT Practice" and is past Chair of the Intellectual Property Section of the State Bar of California Executive Committee. She is also past Chair of and liaison to the California State Bar Patent Standing Committee and past member of the California State Bar Council of Sections. Ms. Gallenson is a member of AIPLA, LAIPLA, ABA, FICPI and LES.

## Diane Gardner

Tuesday Afternoon

### **Best Practices: Minimizing the Risk of Malpractice**

Diane Gardner has over twenty-four years of patent prosecution experience. Her initial career as a bench chemist transitioned to the USPTO examining corps. After relocating in California, she has held positions as in-house counsel, in private practice at large IP boutique firms, and most recently as a solo practitioner at Mastermind IP Law. In addition to patent prosecution, she also has a large trademark practice.





# David Grossman

Sunday Morning

## Patent Application Preparation

David G. Grossman, J.D. is admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia and before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. David Grossman received a Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, from the American University Washington College of Law in 2004 and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from The Pennsylvania State University in 1981. David is experienced in: the management of intellectual property; the prosecution of patents; and the development, licensing, and commercialization of new technologies. David was the Assistant Director of Technology Transfer for George Mason University for over 10 years, led the software and avionics development for the NASA/Orbital X-34 rocket plane, and designed toys for Fisher-Price. David is an active member of the National Association of Patent Practitioners (NAPP) and the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM). David has served on the Board of Directors of NAPP for many years and was the research editor of "Tomorrow's Technology Transfer: The Journal of the Association of University Technology Managers." Additionally, David is an inventor for over 16 patents with several others pending and has been involved with several start-up companies from initial concept to exit.

# Larry Hilton

Tuesday Afternoon

## Best Practices: Minimizing the Risk of Malpractice

Lawrence D. Hilton, founder of Dominion Insurance Services, serves professionals in a wide range of disciplines. His prior law practice focused on professional liability defense and insurance coverage. He belongs to the California and Utah Bar Associations, holds insurance licenses in all 50 states, and is a Lloyd's of London coverholder.





## Louis Hoffman

Tuesday Afternoon

### **Maximizing Protection - Which Way is Best?: Client Counseling on Licensing, Monetizing and Alternatives to Patents**

Louis Hoffman is the president and founder of the Hoffman Patent Firm. He is Chairman of the Board of NAPP. Louis has been an intellectual-property lawyer for nearly 30 years. Louis's law practice focuses on (1) commercialization through sales, licensing, and enforcement of valuable patents, (2) patent portfolio development, including patent prosecution, especially identifying and securing patent claims that can provide added value to patent portfolios, and (3) managing litigation and licensing programs of all sizes. Aside from patent matters, Louis sometimes works on copyrights and trademarks (U.S. and foreign), license drafting, and contract matters. Louis is a patent attorney licensed to practice law in California and Arizona, before numerous U.S. District Courts, before the Federal Circuit and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeals. Louis is a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School, both with honors.

## Andrew Jones

Tuesday Afternoon

### **Best Practices: Minimizing the Risk of Malpractice**

**Andrew R. Jones** is dual-qualified attorney, admitted to practice both in New York State and in the United Kingdom. He is a Partner in the New York City law firm of Furman Kornfeld & Brennan LLP and specializes in defending professional liability claims. Andrew's practice includes the defense of lawyers, patent practitioners, and other professionals; and giving legal advice to insurance companies that provide Errors & Omissions ("E&O") insurance to professionals, including advice on insurance policy language, insurance product management, and managing claims against professionals across the United States.





## Greg Kavounas

Sunday Afternoon

### **Client Counseling: Setting Realistic Expectations**

As a patent attorney, Mr. Gregory T. Kavounas has spent approximately a decade in law firms writing patents for clients ranging from Fortune 500 to startup to independent inventors. He has also spent approximately another decade in-house corporations ranging from Fortune 500 to startup. He has studied the dynamics of how patent value is generated from inventions, or lost because of misconceptions. He has authored articles and a book, addressing the

misconceptions.

## Stan Lewis

Sunday Morning

### **Do-It-Yourself Patent Searching**

Stan's experience includes Patent and intellectual property research (14 years), Novelty, infringement, validity and Accelerated Examination searches. Specialty areas are in applied physics : communications, electronics, analog, digital, solid state, optics and computer/processor design, operation, I/O and networking. Stan has 12 patents, 40 major technical reports, publications for business, analytical chemistry and physics (5 refereed). Education and experience : Technology advisor for investment firms (10 years). Research faculty, GTRI, Georgia Institute of Technology (10 years) Graduate Studies, Nuclear Chemistry & Physics, Georgia Institute of Technology U.S Army, AMC, Dugway, Utah and Edgewood, Maryland B.S. Chemistry/Physics, University of Georgia .



# Ron Rohde

Tuesday Afternoon

## **Maximizing Protection - Which Way is Best?: Client Counseling on Licensing, Monetizing and Alternatives to Patents**

Ron Rohde is a patent attorney in Palo Alto California. He has over 25 years experience as a systems and field service engineer in the integrated circuit manufacturing equipment industry with expertise in process control, hardware interfaces, software, servo systems, ultra high vacuum, robotics, material handling, environmental controls, laser interferometry, image processing, and submicron metrology. Favorite hobbies include flying, skiing, snowshoeing, astronomy, and building 3-D printers and underwater ROV's

# Anton Skaugset

Sunday Afternoon

## **Roadmap for Drafting a Design Application**

Anton Skaugset is a registered patent agent with more than 20 years of experience in patent preparation and prosecution. After 8 years working in biotechnology at Molecular Probes, Inc., he moved to Portland, Oregon, where he is currently an associate at Kolisch Hartwell, PC. In addition to his experience in biotech and chemical practice, Anton has recently been emphasizing US patent prosecution on behalf of overseas clients, and design patent practice. Anton has been a member of NAPP since 1996.







## David Stein

Tuesday Afternoon

### **On Your Radar: Docketing Systems Reviewed**

David Stein is a patent practitioner with a combined twelve years of in-house and law firm experience. In a technology transfer context, David participated in the development of a patent portfolio, disclosure review, and coordination with patent counsel. Utilizing a master of computer science degree, David has filed 250 patent applications for leading companies specializing in software, computing devices, and semiconductor fabrication. David is extensively experienced in patent prosecution, and has handled 400 office actions and conducted 150 examiner interviews. David has particularly studied the topic of patentability of computer-related inventions under section 101 of the Patent Act.

## Bruce Young

Tuesday Afternoon

### **On Your Radar: Docketing Systems Reviewed**



Bruce has been a patent agent in a full-time solo practice for the last four years. Before that, he spent 30+ years as an engineer and engineering manager in the Computer and Consumer Electronics industry where he was named as an inventor on 40 issued US patents. Bruce's past career experiences include: Director of System Architecture for Display Technology at Jabil, the third largest electronics manufacturing services company in the world; Chief Technology Officer for two small companies, Radiosophy, a maker of HD Radio receivers, and Digital5, which created networking software for consumer electronics products; Director of Engineering for the Consumer Solutions group at Gateway where he was instrumental in the development of Gateway's non-PC products such as plasma TVs and digital cameras; and positions at several other companies including Hewlett-Packard, Lucasfilm/Pixar, and Intel.

Mr. Young holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Engineering from Iowa State University, and a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University. He currently lives in Le Mars, IA with Debra, his wife of over 30 years where they enjoy keeping up with their four grown children.

# USPTO Presenters - Monday July 21

## Timothy P. Callahan

**Director, Technology Center 2400**

Tim Callahan is a Director in Technology Center 2400 at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and leads Work Groups 2410, 2460, and 2470 that examine applications in Multiplex communications.

Mr. Callahan joined the USPTO as a patent examiner after receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from North Carolina State University. He examined applications in the fields of semiconductor devices and non-linear analog circuits. In 1993, Mr. Callahan was selected as a Supervisory Patent Examiner. He served on a number of work assignments as a supervisor including a detail to the Office of the Commissioner for Patents and as manager of the Patent Training Academy. In 2008, Mr. Callahan was appointed to the Senior Executive Service and named Group Director of Technology Center 2400.

Mr. Callahan has received two Department of Commerce Silver Medal Awards for his work in the development of the USPTO telework program and for the establishment of satellite offices under the America Invents Act, and two Department of Commerce Bronze Medal Awards for superior federal service as a manager.



## John Cottingham

**Director of the Office of Petitions**

John Cottingham joined the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in 1998. He served as a Patent Examiner in Technology Centers 3600 and 2100. He became a Supervisory Patent Examiner in 2006 and was a SPE in the Database Arts and the Generic Computer Control Arts. John served as the Chief of Staff for the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy and currently is the acting Director in the Office of Petitions.

John has a BS in Environmental Engineering from the University of Florida and JD from the Catholic University of America. John is also a member of the Maryland Bar.



## William R. Covey

### **Deputy General Counsel and Director Office of Enrollment & Discipline**

Mr. Covey is the Deputy General Counsel and Director of the Office of Enrollment and Discipline (OED). In this role, he manages an office of attorneys, paralegals, and support staff which is responsible for registering patent attorneys and agents to practice before the USPTO, overseeing the Law School Clinic Certification Program, and investigating grievances alleging misconduct by practitioners authorized to practice before the USPTO. To do so, OED evaluates the credentials of applicants

for registration, develops and administers a registration examination to determine if applicants have the necessary knowledge of patent law and practice to render patent applicants valuable service, maintains a public roster of attorneys and agents recognized to practice before the office in patent matters, and conducts surveys of active registered practitioners.

Previously, Mr. Covey served as the USPTO's Deputy General Counsel for the Office of General Law for over four years. Mr. Covey was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in 2007. Before joining the USPTO in 2000, Mr. Covey served at the Pentagon in the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps. He serves in the Army Reserve and has completed combat tours in Iraq (2007) and Afghanistan (2011). He served as Deputy Legal Counsel to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and is currently assigned to the Office of the Army General Counsel.

Mr. Covey received his undergraduate degree from Fordham University (magna cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa) and his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law in 1991. He graduated from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government (Senior Executive Fellowship) in 2005 and received a Master of Science degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College in 2010.

## Jim Dwyer

### **Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Patent Operations**

Jim Dwyer has been with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for over 35 years. He has served as a Patent Examiner, Supervisory Patent Examiner, Quality Assurance Specialist and Group Director in a variety of electrical technologies. His current position is the Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Patent Operations overseeing the operations of Technology Centers that examine Telecommunications, Transportation, Construction, Agriculture, Electronic Commerce and National Security. He also has oversight of the Office of Patent Training. He has a BSEE from the University of Maryland and has been a member of the Senior Executive Service for the last 14 years.





## Judge Rama Elluru

**Judge Rama Elluru** is currently an Administrative Patent Judge on the Patent Trial and Appeal Board at the United States Patent and Trademark Office. She joined the Board in June 2012 after practicing IP law in the Washington D.C. area during which time, her main focus was patent litigation in district courts and the ITC. Prior to private practice, she had an extensive career as a law clerk, including at the Court of Appeals for Virginia, the Fourth Circuit, the ITC, and the Federal Circuit, where she clerked for the Honorable Sharon Prost. Judge Elluru graduated from Trinity University with a B.S. degree in Computer Science and obtained a J.D. degree from the Washington and Lee

School of Law. After law school, she received a M.S. degree in Biochemistry/Molecular Biology from Georgetown University, where she continues to take classes in related areas. Judge Elluru has been in the trial section since the AIA went into effect and has been assigned to manage a number of AIA proceedings.

## Tariq Hafiz

Group Director, Technology Center 2600

Tariq joined the USPTO in 1992 as a patent examiner, in 1998 became a Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) and in 2012 became a Group Director for Technology Center 2600 specializing in Communications. As an SPE, he led art units in Software Development and Artificial Intelligence as well as Business Methods. As an SPE, he served as a hiring coordinator for over 10 years, he was selected to assist the Department of Commerce's Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) to provide intellectual property training to a developing country, and he successfully completed the Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program. He has also attended The Federal Executive Institute where he completed the program "Leadership for a Democratic Society". Prior to USPTO, he worked in software development at Computer Sciences Corporation for over three years. Tariq earned a bachelor's degree in physics from the College of William and Mary with graduate work in electrical engineering from Virginia Tech.





## Lead Judge Michael Kim

**Lead Judge Michael Kim** is a graduate of Duke University School of Law, and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Prior to his graduation from law school, Lead Judge Kim was a founding member of the Duke Law and Technology Review and served on the Student Judicial Review Board. Upon graduation, he served as a Patent Attorney at the law firm of Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP, before spending a year on a Presidential election campaign. In 2008, he joined the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Patent Attorney for the Board before he was appointed as an Administrative Patent Judge in 2011. Lead Judge Kim works on ex parte appeals, reexamination appeals, and AIA trials.

## James Kramer

### **Group Director of Technology Center 2800**

James (Jay) Kramer is a Group Director in Technology Center (TC) 2800, the group that examines electrical circuits, semiconductors, optical systems, measuring and testing systems, and printers.

Jay began his career at the USPTO in 2002 as a patent examiner in the area of computer applications in business methods. He was granted Primary Examiner status in 2005. In 2006, Jay was selected as a supervisory patent examiner in TC 2100, managing business methods examination units. Jay has served on different detail assignments at the USPTO including the Patent Training Academy; the Office of the Commissioner for Patents and in the Office of Deputy Commissioner for International Patent Cooperation. In addition, Jay has supervised Art units in various workgroups within TC 3600 and 2100, overseeing the areas of digit security and encryption, land and motor vehicles and error detection/correction and fault detection/recovery, before being selected for his current role as a Director in TC 2800 in 2014.

Jay holds a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Notre Dame and a MBA from Carnegie Mellon University.



## Charles Pearson

**NOTE: Mr. Pearson is presenting on Tuesday Morning.**

**Director, Office of International Patent Legal Administration**

Charles Pearson is the Director of the Office of International Patent Legal Administration at the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Mr. Pearson came to the USPTO in 1980 and has served as a Patent Examiner and Special Program Examiner in the Examining Corps. In 1989, he was appointed as a Legal Examiner in the International Division and in 1993 was named Administrator of the PCT Legal Office. He has also served as the Patent Legal Administrator and the Director of the Office of Petitions at the USPTO. Mr. Pearson is a two time recipient of the Department of Commerce Gold Medal for his work on international patent matters.

Mr. Pearson has made many presentations on topics dealing with national and international patent applications. He has represented the United States at numerous meetings related to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and the Substantive Patent Law Treaty at the World Intellectual Property Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. Mr. Pearson holds a Juris Doctor from the Syracuse University College of Law and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Rochester. He was born in Alexandria, Minnesota, grew up near Portland, Oregon and is a member of the Oregon State Bar Association.

## Lead Judge Jeffrey Robertson

**Lead Judge Jeffrey Robertson** was appointed an Administrative Patent Judge in March 2008 after serving as an associate at the firm of Hunton & Williams LLP. Prior to his time in private practice, Judge Robertson was a Patent Examiner. He holds a J.D. degree from The George Washington University Law School, a Ph.D. degree in chemistry from Texas A&M University, and B.A. degree in chemistry from the College of the Holy Cross.





# Joseph Thomas

Group Director of Technology Center 2800

Joseph (Joe) Thomas is a Group Director in Technology Center (TC) 2800, the group that examines electrical circuits, semiconductors, optical systems, measuring and testing systems, and printers. Joe began his career at the USPTO in 1993 as a patent examiner in the area of computer applications in business processes, natural language processing, and medical records. He was granted Primary Examiner status in 1997. In 2001, Joe was selected as a supervisory patent examiner in TC 2100, managing business methods examination units. In 2007-2009, Joe served on different detail assignments, including as an advisor to the US Department of Transportation; as a Class Manager at the Patent Training Academy; and in the Office of the Commissioner for Patents. In addition, Joe has supervised Art units in various workgroups within TC 2400, overseeing the areas of computer networking and computer security, before being selected for his current role as a Director in TC 2800 in 2011. Joe, a native of Maryland, holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Maryland.