

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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Two years ago, our now President Erik Belt led a transition to a digital-only BPLA newsletter. This effort was made to advance the association's use of content distribution technology. In so doing, President Belt pointed out that "[\[f\]or an association of patent attorneys and other IP professionals who represent clients on the cutting edge of technology...\[the BPLA\] should itself be in the vanguard of technological advances.](#)" President Belt's digital move was definitely the right course of action for the association.

In an effort to further advance President Belt's initiative, with this issue we debut a new digital platform that will further improve our members' reading experience by providing visually engaging content that is easily navigable from your computer, tablet, or smart phone. Click on any of the following links to be taken directly to BPLA newsletter articles that will interest you: (1) the President's Message 21) an analysis of Step 2 of *Mayo*, as applied in *Alice*; (3) public availability of grant submissions; (4) avoiding indefiniteness with respect to method-device hybrid claims; (5) the Patent *Pro Bono* Program of New England; (6) a roundtable with Judge Saris jointly hosted with the BBA; (7) PGRs for pre-AIA patents; (8) *Invented Here!* 2016; (9) the upcoming Annual Judges' Dinner; (10) the BPLA's involvement with SBANE's New England Innovation Award Program; (11) changes to European trademark practice; (12) the AIPLA Giles Rich Moot Court competition; (13) the BPLA Writing Competition; (14) sequence listings; and (15) Members-on-the-Move.

Hopefully you will agree that this new platform sees through President Belt's mission from two years ago to move the BPLA in the vanguard of technological advances as it pertains to delivering news and information to our members.