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80th Annual Judges Dinner – The Tradition Continues

By: Chris Silvia

A longstanding tradition continued when, on the evening of May 20, 2004, the Boston Patent Law Association held its 80th Annual Judges Dinner. More than 375 people attended the event at the John Joseph Moakley Federal Courthouse and were treated to spectacular views of the City of Boston and Boston Harbor at sunset. Among the attendees were the guests of honor, twelve distinguished members of the federal and Massachusetts judiciary. Chief Judge William G. Young, Judge Nathaniel M. Gorton, Judge Reginald C. Lindsay, Judge George A. O'Toole, Judge Rya W. Zobel, Senior Judge Edward F. Harrington, Senior Judge A. David Mazzone, Chief Magistrate Judge Marianne B. Bowler, Magistrate Judge Robert B. Collings, and Magistrate Judge Kenneth P. Neiman, all from the bench of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, were present as were Justice Judith A. Cowin and Justice John M. Greaney of the

Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

In what may be the start of a new tradition, the event also featured a silent auction to benefit The Jimmy Fund, which supports the fight against cancer in children and adults at Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts, a non-profit organization established to meet the legal needs of the Commonwealth's artistic community. Thanks to the generosity of twenty five auction donors and the hard work of the BPLA's Pro Bono Committee Chairpersons, Lisa J. Michaud of Nutter, McClennen & Fish, LLP and Lisa Winsor of Lowrie, Lando & Anastasi, LLP, the BPLA collected nearly \$7,000 for these worthy causes.

The event's keynote speaker was Bill Belichick, 2003 NFL Coach of the Year and Head Coach of the Super Bowl XXXVIII Champions, the New England Patriots. Coach Belichick treated the assembled crowd to his thoughts and perspectives on the issues of teamwork

and motivation, and discussed how his experiences in those regards could be applied to any group pursuing success. He also took the time to answer questions concerning a broad spectrum of topics ranging from his philosophy on youth sports and, perhaps not unexpectedly, his expectations for the Patriots in the upcoming NFL season.

A wonderful time was had by all who attended, and the BPLA extends its gratitude to everyone who contributed to making the evening such a great success.



*Keynote Speaker,
Bill Belichick*

President's Message



Peter Corless, President

"The Boston Patent Law Association is widely recognized as among the largest and most active regional intellectual property law associations in the country."

I have most appreciated the great participation in Boston Patent Law Association activities we have enjoyed throughout the year.

Nearly 400 members and guests attended the Annual Judges Dinner on May 20 at the Federal Courthouse with Keynote Speaker Bill Belichick, Head Coach of the New England Patriots.

The Summer Outing to the Red Sox/Rangers game on July 11 started with a rather ambitious purchase of 144 tickets last January. Those tickets sold out more than a month prior to the game. Our day at Fenway Park was almost perfect. In addition to the beautiful Sunday afternoon weather, we all enjoyed the chance to meet the families of many of our colleagues. (The Red Sox however did lose 6-5.)

A number of members also have undertaken significant projects this year on behalf of the Boston Patent Law Association. Lisa Michaud, Lisa Winsor and the Pro Bono Committee they chair provided our first ever Silent Charity Auction, which was held in conjunction with the Judges Dinner and benefited the Jimmy Fund and the Massachusetts Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts. Our Corporate Committee Chairs – Walter Dawson, Faith

Driscoll and Jim Cullem – have presented two excellent seminars. The Computer Committee Chairs – Ed Porter and John Stickevers -- hosted a well-attended luncheon seminar in March. The Patent Law Committee Chairs John Prince and Kathleen Carr organized a very well-received afternoon program on Markman Hearings which included a noteworthy panel featuring Chief Judge William Young.

I also am pleased to report that a new Amicus Committee of the Boston Patent Law Association has been established with Erik Belt of Bromberg & Sunstein and myself serving as Co-Chairs. The Amicus Committee will review judicial decisions, proposed rulemaking and other proposed actions of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and other governmental groups and provide input as may be appropriate. Members are invited to contact Erik or me to discuss possible response on a particular issue or to be involved on a Committee project.

Additionally, through Erik Belt's efforts, the Amicus Committee has undertaken its initial project to file an amicus curiae brief in the Federal Circuit's *en banc* rehearing of *Phillips v. AWH Corporation*. As

many of you are aware, in *Phillips v. AWH Corporation*, 376 F.3d 1382, 71 U.S.P.Q.2d 1765 (Fed. Cir. 2004), the Federal Circuit vacated the prior panel decision and granted a petition for *en banc* rehearing. The Court invited the parties and other interested groups to file briefs and offer insight to issues relating to claim construction, including the proper roles of dictionaries, the specification and expert testimony for construing claims as well as the appropriate appellate deference to the trial court's claim construction. A copy of the Amicus Committee's brief will be available on the BPLA website by early October.

Other regional intellectual property bar associations regularly provide commentary through amicus submissions, as shown by the recent decision of *Knorr-Bremse Systeme v. Dana Corporation*, 2004 WL 2029912 (Fed. Cir. September 13, 2004), where amicus briefs were filed by regional associations of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia – Patent, Trademark & Copyright Section, New York Intellectual Property Law Association, Conejo Valley (Southern California) Bar

President's Message *(continued)*

Association, Houston Intellectual Property Law Association and San Diego Intellectual Property Law Association.

The Boston Patent Law Association is widely recognized as among the largest and most active regional intellectual property law associations in the country. The Amicus Committee can provide an opportunity for our respected membership to provide valued input on significant intellectual property issues.

I also look forward to the balance of our year. In early October, the International Law Committee will host a seminar relating to practice in Europe,

Australia and Japan. The Young Lawyer's Committee also will present an IP Primer program focusing on difficult prosecution issues frequently encountered by new practitioners. On November 3, the Trademark Committee will host a breakfast seminar at the Boston Harbor Hotel. A two-day Advanced PCT Practice course will be offered on November 17-18. A luncheon program on interference practice also is scheduled for early November. Our Annual Luncheon and Meeting will held be on December 14 at the Seaport Hotel with a featured speaker of Federal Circuit Judge Alan Lourie.

I hope to see you at many of these events.

UPCOMING BPLA EVENTS

*October 17-21, 2004
Licensing Executives Society -
Solutions Through Synergy*

*Wednesday, November 3, 2004
Trademark Practice*

*Wednesday, November 10,
8:30-11:30 am
Unlocking the Mysteries of
Interference Law and Practice*

*November 17-18, 2004
Advanced PCT Practice*

*Tuesday, December 14, 2004
Annual Meeting and Luncheon
Keynote: Judge Alan Lourie*

The BPLA Remembers Bill Booth



The Boston Patent Law Association and Fish & Richardson mourn the loss of William E. Booth

Bill Booth, a principal of Fish & Richardson in the Boston office was killed on August 29, 2004 when he was thrown from his horse during a cross-country event at a horse show in Chester, New Hampshire. A patent attorney for 25 years, Bill was a calm and steady presence to whom many turned for advice on the most complex legal issues. We will miss him as both a colleague and a friend.

SILENT AUCTION A New Tradition – An Incredible Success



Lisa Michaud as Pro Bono Committee Co-Chair

The Silent Auction held during the Annual Judges Dinner on May 20, 2004 proved to be an incredible success. Items to choose from included personal training sessions at Bodyscapes, accommodations at the Boston Harbor Hotel with breakfast, season tickets to the Boston Philharmonic's Weeknight Discover Series, an autographed Bruins puck, a Mount Washington getaway, a three month membership to City Golf, an autographed Cleveland Browns Jersey, a Giuliano

Spa package, a Bose Wave Radio, accommodations at the Seaport Hotel with breakfast, a North Conway getaway, a cooking gift basket from Stapletons Florist, Red Sox tickets, private golf lessons, jewelry, a night on the town including a limo, dinner, and tickets to Mamma Mia, an annual membership to Community Boating, art work, a Waterville Valley ski getaway, and a cruise around Boston Harbor. One of the highlights of the auction was four

tickets to the Red Sox versus Toronto Blue Jays game in August. After a bidding war between Ernie Linek and Tim Douros, Erin Linek was the lucky winner of the prize for a generous donation.

Overall, the auction raised over \$6500 to equally benefit the Jimmy Fund and the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts. A special thanks to all of the winners and the volunteers for making the first BPLA Silent Auction a success!

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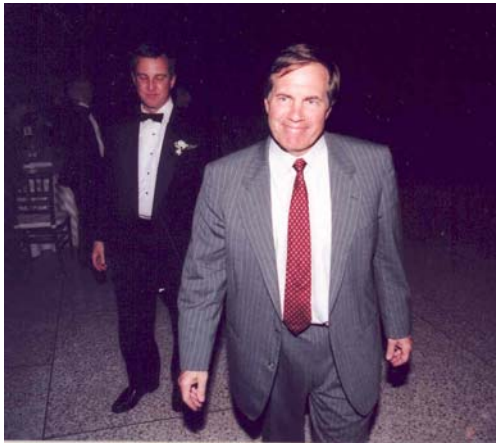
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BPLA Judge's Dinner/Silent Auction



Hon. John M. Greene, Hon. A. David Mazzone

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Growing IP firm located off Rt. 128 in Canton, MA seeks a patent attorney having a EE/CS background. At least 2 years of patent prosecution experience preferred with industry experience a plus. Firm attorneys work in a wide range of technology areas for large and small corporate, institutional and individual clients. Reasonable billing requirements. Salary and benefits competitive with Boston area. Send or fax (781-401-9966) resume to Hiring Attorney, Daly, Crowley & Mofford, LLP, 275 Turnpike Street - Suite 101, Canton, MA 02021.

Weingarten, Schurgin, Gagnebin & Lebovici LLP, a mid-size intellectual property firm in downtown Boston, has an immediate opening for a patent attorney with a background in electrical engineering. Salary commensurate with experience.

Responsibilities include: preparation and prosecution of US and foreign patent and trademark applications; client counseling on matters of patentability; and infringement and validity opinions.

Minimum requirements include BSEE degree, Mass. and USPTO bar admissions, two or more years practicing patent attorney experience, working knowledge of analog and digital circuits, and familiarity with networking and telecommunications systems.

Background in mathematics including wavelet theory, Fourier transforms and matrix operations preferred.

Please send resume to Hiring Partner, Weingarten, Schurgin, Gagnebin & Lebovici LLP, Ten Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02109, or fax to (617) 451-0313.

Markman Hearing Seminar

By: Kathleen Carr and Richard Roos

On April 20, 2004, the BPLA Patent Law Committee hosted a primer on the ever-interesting subject of Markman hearings. The nearly 120 attendees were treated to informative insight from an esteemed panel consisting of the Chief Judge for the District of Massachusetts, a retired judge who has returned to private practice, and a veteran patent litigator. Rather than focusing on the law of claim construction, and much to the delight of the large audience, the panelists instead provided their viewpoints on various issues and trends in this area. There were spirited debates on hot topics such as the role of experts and the emerging trend of relying on dictionary definitions during claim construction. The panelists also voiced their frank opinions about district courts, such as those in Texas and California, having adopted strict rules and time frames for patent cases.

The Honorable William G. Young, Chief Judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, spoke

with refreshing humor and candor about his views on what patent litigants should and should not do when trying a case before him. He also confided that many district court judges, himself included, rather enjoy hearing patent cases.

The remainder of the panel was comprised of two attorneys currently in private practice - Ken Adamo of Jones Day, and Roderick McKelvie, currently of Fish & Neave and formerly a federal judge in Wilmington, Delaware. Mr. Adamo was particularly vocal, speaking about a variety of issues including the nuances of patent cases heard before Texas courts that have adopted specific procedural rules for such cases. He praised the rules as a whole, but in particular for the fact that they call for submission of expert reports after the Markman hearing. He also provided an important bit of advice, namely that litigators should make sure to preserve error at the Markman level.

The discourse between and among panelists and guests

continued during the festive cocktail reception that followed.

Attendees were doubly rewarded by receiving a copy of an article entitled "The Interpretation of Patent Claims," which was prepared by the Markman Subcommittee of the Patent Litigation Committee of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA). The article, as published in Volume 32, Number 1 (Winter 2004) of the AIPLA Quarterly Journal, provides helpful insight not only into the law governing claim construction, but also the timing and procedure for construing claims during a patent trial.

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The Top Ten TTAB Decisions of 2003

By: John L. Welch

The highlight of the TTAB year came in June, when the Board for the first time sustained a dilution claim, finding the mark NASDAQ truly famous and deserving of protection under Section 43(c) of the Trademark Act. The *NASDAQ* decision and *Toro Co. v. ToroHead, Inc.*, 61 USPQ2d 1164 (TTAB 2001), comprise the two landmarks of TTAB dilution jurisprudence. However, one wonders whether the Section 43(c) anti-dilution remedy, with its stringent evidentiary requirements, is of much practical importance, since the owner of a “famous” mark may obtain very broad protection under the Board’s current Section 2(d) likelihood of confusion analysis.

In other significant decisions, the Board took a special interest in the issue of fraud on the USPTO, rejected several asserted legal bases for opposition, and recognized that the ubiquity of personal computers requires that more probative value now be given to Internet news wire stories.

In all, the TTAB issued nearly 600 decisions in 2003, final and interlocutory, *ex parte* and *inter partes*. It deemed 21 of the decisions citable, or about 1 in 30 – a ratio slightly lower than in the past three years, despite urgings from the trademark bar that more TTAB decisions be designated as citable. The following 10 decisions, most of them citable, are perhaps of most significance or interest to the trademark practitioner.

1. *NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. v. Antartica, S.r.l.*, 69 USPQ 2d 1718 (TTAB 2003). The Board for the first time upheld a Section 43(c) dilution claim, finding the mark NASDAQ for securities trading services likely to be diluted by the mark NASDAQ & griffon design for clothing and sporting goods items. Distinguishing the Supreme Court’s decision in *Moseley v. V Secret Catalogue, Inc.*, 65 USPQ2d 1801 (2003) – which required a showing of actual dilution in civil actions under the Federal Trademark Dilution Act (FTDA) – the Board extended its ruling in *Toro v. ToroHead* to Section 44 applications. It held that in TTAB proceedings involving marks not yet in use, “it is sufficient for a plaintiff to establish likelihood of dilution rather than actual dilution.” The Board had “no difficulty” in finding the NASDAQ mark famous, concluding that NASDAQ “is, in effect, a unique word that points to opposer’s stock market and is an inherently distinctive mark.” It held that use of Antartica’s mark would result in a “blurring” and would reduce the capacity of Opposer’s mark to serve as a source indicator.



2. *Medinol Ltd. v. Neuro Vasx, Inc.*, 67 USPQ2d 1205 (TTAB 2003). The Board entered summary judgment in favor of Petitioner Medinol on the ground that Neuro Vasx submitted a fraudulent Statement of Use (SOU) in obtaining its registration for the mark NEUROVASX for “medical devices, namely, neurological stents and catheters.” After the petition for cancellation was filed alleging that the SOU was fraudulent, Neuro Vasx admitted that it had not used its mark for stents. It requested amendment of the registration by deleting “stents,” claiming that the word had been “overlooked” when the SOU form was completed. The Board denied the motion to amend, holding that fraud was committed in the procurement of the registration because Neuro Vasx “knew or should have known” that its statement was false. The Board therefore declared the entire resulting registration to be void. Although Neuro Vasx (not surprisingly) denied a fraudulent intent, the Board ruled that “the appropriate inquiry is not into registrant’s subjective intent, but rather into the objective manifestations of that intent.”

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3. Nike, Inc. v. Pleasures of the Table, Inc., *Opposition No. 91115293* (July 10, 2003) [not citable]. In this dubious decision, the TTAB effectively afforded Opposer Nike an anti-dilution remedy without requiring that Nike meet the rigorous standards for a Section 43(c) claim. The Board sustained a Section 2(d) opposition to registration of the mark NIKE & Design for food preparation, distribution, and serving, and for restaurant, cocktail lounge, and catering services, finding the mark likely to cause confusion with various NIKE marks registered for footwear, clothing, and other products, and for retail store services. “[C]ompelling evidence” of the fame of Opposer’s NIKE mark and trade name – including almost \$5 billion in sales in 2001, advertising expenditures of \$239.9 million in that same year, and endorsements by various sports luminaries – moved the Board to grant NIKE broad protection under Section 2(d). Noting that Nike uses the NIKE mark in connection with a food service at its convention centers, the Board found this service to be a “logical expansion” of Opposer’s business into “obvious collateral services.”



4. *Seculus De Amazonia S/A v. Toyota Jidosha Kabushiki Kaisha*, 66 USPQ2d 1154 (TTAB 2003). The Board dismissed this opposition to registration of the mark LEXUS & Design (fig.1) for watches because Opposer Seculus failed to state a valid ground for opposition. The opposition stemmed from Toyota’s alleged misconduct before the U.S. Customs Service that resulted in the seizure, based on Toyota’s mark, of 67 cartons of watch parts bearing Opposer Seculus’s different LEXUS & Design mark (Fig. 2). Contending that the seizure was unlawful because, contrary to representation made to the Customs Service, Toyota’s mark is not registered, Seculus requested that the Board exercise its “equitable power and authority” to refuse registration of Toyota’s mark. The Board found standing to oppose, but concluded that Seculus failed to state a valid basis for opposition under Section 18 of the *Trademark Act*. Granting Toyota’s motion to dismiss, the Board ruled that “[w]hile a party may allege unclean hands as an affirmative defense in a Board proceeding, there is no authority for opposer’s assertion thereof as a ground for its notice of opposition.”



5. *Carano v. Vina Concha Y Toro S.A.*, 67 USPQ2d 1149 (TTAB 2003). The TTAB granted without prejudice Vina Concha’s Rule 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim. Opposer Marilyn Carano contended that she, rather than Vina Concha, owns the design portion of the mark at issue. Carano registered the design with the U.S. Copyright Office and filed a civil action alleging that Vina Concha’s use of the mark constitutes copyright infringement. The TTAB lacks jurisdiction to determine copyright infringement, and Carano did not expressly plead copyright infringement in her Notice of Opposition. The Board concluded, however, that her trademark claim “is not distinct from her copyright claim” because unless Vina Concha is a copyright infringer it is entitled to registration of its trademark. Thus until a federal court declares the design portion of the mark to be an infringement of Carano’s copyright, she does not have a cognizable claim that Vina Concha’s use is unlawful.



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6. *Saint-Gobain Abrasives, Inc. v. Unova Industrial Automation Systems, Inc.*, 66 USPQ2d 1355 (TTAB 2003). Saint-Gobain asserted that Unova's trademark application and registrations (for marks comprising stripes or bands applied to abrasive wheels and disks) were fatally indefinite because the applications and registrations "do not specify the exact shade of yellow or blue, or any color" and therefore are directed to "more than one mark." The Board, however, ruled that this "phantom mark" allegation addressed a mere *ex parte* examination error and failed to state a proper ground for an *inter partes* proceeding. Moreover, as to one of the registrations, this claim was barred under Section 14 of the *Trademark Act* because the registration was more than five years old and "indefiniteness" is not one of the limited number of defenses that survive the five-year cutoff. As to Saint-Gobain's claim that the marks are functional (because they indicate size, application or wear), the Board rejected Unova's laches-based motion to dismiss, ruling that functionality, like fraud, embodies public policy concerns and therefore that the defenses of laches and acquiescence are not available.

7. *Hart Info LLC v. Innovative Measurement Solutions, Inc.*, Opposition No. 91123830 (December 4, 2003) [not citable]. In this dispute over ownership of the mark FORMULATION WORKSTATION & Design for computer software, the Board sustained the opposition because it found that Innovative is not the rightful owner. After reviewing the extensive record concerning the business dealings between the parties, the Board found that the relationship constituted a joint venture under applicable state law. The joint venture owned the mark at the time of its adoption and early use, but the joint venture ended without the parties ever agreeing on the ownership issue. The Board curiously ruled that "allowing either party to this joint venture to *register* this mark in the wake of dissolution would result in consumer confusion as to source, which would be in violation of the anti-confusion policy of both state and federal law." [emphasis added]. As a result, the Board held that neither party had proven exclusive ownership of the mark and it therefore sustained the opposition.

8. *In re Sunshine Distribution Inc.*, Serial No. 76070151 (December 9, 2003) [not citable]. The Board reversed a Section 2(d) refusal to register the mark RAZORS for inline skates, which mark the Examining Attorney deemed confusingly similar to the registered mark RAZOR & Design for "non-motorized scooters, toy scooters, and model scooters." Sunshine submitted a consent to registration from the Registrant, but the Examining Attorney considered it to be a "naked consent" because it did not state any reasons for concluding that no likelihood of confusion exists, nor did it set forth any arrangement between the parties to avoid public confusion. In response, Sunshine stated that "[t]hose substantive matters are addressed thoroughly" in a confidential settlement agreement, and Registrant's counsel confirmed that those terms were confidential. The Board noted that the marks are "very similar" and the goods related, but CAFC precedent requires that "great deference" be given "to the decisions of businesses that are on the 'firing line.'" Because the other *du Pont* factors did not "dictate" a finding of likelihood of confusion, and despite not having the opportunity to see the relevant settlement terms, the Board sided with Sunshine.



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9. *Toro Co. v. GrassMasters, Inc.*, 66 USPQ2d 1032 (TTAB 2003). The Board dismissed this Section 2(d) opposition to registration of the mark LAWN PUP ("lawn" disclaimed) for lawn mowers, finding it not likely to cause confusion with the registered mark LAWN-BOY for lawn mowers and related goods and services. The Board concluded that confusion is not likely because of the dissimilarities in the marks, the admitted descriptiveness of the word "lawn," and the likely care to be exercised in the purchase of these relatively expensive goods. Opposer Toro also asserted a registration for the mark SNOW PUP for snow plows, but the evidence showed that Toro stopped selling snow plows under that mark in 1980. The Board then ruled that, even though Applicant GrassMasters did not file a counterclaim for cancellation, Toro was nonetheless precluded from relying on the SNOW PUP registration because the affidavit of use it filed in 1986 falsely stated that the mark was still in use for snow plows.

10. *In re Cell Therapeutics, Inc.*, 67 USPQ2d 1795 (TTAB 2003). The Board affirmed refusals to register, on the ground of genericness, the term CELL THERAPEUTICS, INC. ("Inc." disclaimed) for bio-chemical signaling pathway modulators and related laboratory services. The Examining Attorney made of record "significant evidence" from the NEXIS database establishing that the entire phrase CELL THERAPEUTICS is generic for Applicant's goods and services. Applicant argued that many of the NEXIS items were from wire services and should be accorded little probative value in light of TTAB precedent. The Board, however, distinguished its earlier rulings by pointing out that here the relevant public comprises highly sophisticated medical doctors and researchers who have access to news wire stores. Moreover, because of the widespread use of personal computers, the Board concluded that news wire stories are now more likely to reach the general public and therefore have decidedly more probative value today.

From the trademark practitioner's viewpoint, the year 2003 may have been dominated by the much-anticipated and somewhat anti-climactic arrival of the Madrid Protocol on American shores. Meanwhile, the TTAB continued to deal efficiently with the myriad issues that arise in the steady flow of appeals and contested proceedings that demand its consideration and judgment. The wise practitioner will, of course, continue to keep a close eye on the decisions of the TTAB.

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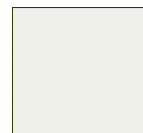
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