

CincyIP January Event Announcement

Topic: Proposed Local Patent Rules for the Southern District of Ohio: A Moderated Discussion and an Opportunity for Patent Practitioners to Provide Comments and Feedback

Date & Time: Tuesday, January 13, 2009 11:45-1:30

11:45-12:15 Lunch

12:15-12:30 Registration

12:30-1:30 Presentation

Speakers: Panelists: Kevin W. Kirsch of Taft Stettinius & Hollister L.L.P. and William S. Morriss of Frost Brown Todd L.L.C.; Moderator: Jeffrey C. Metzcar of Thompson Hine L.L.P.

Event Description:

In October 2008, a draft set of proposed Patent Local Rules ("PLR") for the Southern District of Ohio ("SDOH") was presented to the SDOH Local Rules Committee for consideration and to the District Court Judges for the SDOH during their annual retreat. Some of the components of the proposed PLR for the SDOH include: (a) a protocol and schedule for presenting the parties' respective infringement and validity contentions, (b) a timeline and protocol for proffering and presenting claim construction positions, (c) restrictions on certain willfulness discovery until thresholds are met, (d) a standard protective order, and (e) a model case management order. The event is intended to examine the merits of the proposed PLR using an interactive, moderated debate. This interactive format is also intended to provide an opportunity for local patent practitioners to voice their opinions and provide comments. The comments and feedback from the event may be incorporated into the final PLR submitted to the SDOH Local Rules Committee.

CLE Credit: One credit hour of General CLE for OH (approved).

Location: Garfield Suites Hotel in downtown Cincinnati - <http://www.garfieldsuiteshotel.com/>

Register Deadline: Noon - Friday, January 9, 2009.

Link to Register: http://www.cincyip.org/index.php/site/events/revision_of_local_patent_rules/

Cost: \$20 for Members; \$10 for Academics; \$30 for Non-members.

CANCELLATION/REFUND requests must be in writing and must be received 48 hours prior to the event so that changes to the lunch order can be made.