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8:00 – 10:00 AM
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

GRAND BALLROOM FOYER, 5TH FLOOR

8:00 – 9:00 AM
AMICUS (COMMITTEE MEMBERS ONLY)

EDGEWOOD A/B, 4TH FLOOR

7:00 – 9:00 AM
DIVERSITY IN IP LAW/MENTORING/WOMEN IN IP LAW (JOINT BREAKFAST MEETING)

GRAND CHENIER, 5TH FLOOR

Sponsored by: Howrey, LLP

MAKING RAIN: PANEL DISCUSSION BY LEADING WOMEN RAINMAKERS

The Women in IP Law Committee, in conjunction with the Diversity and Mentoring Committees, bring together a panel of leading women rainmakers. The panel will present their experiences and share tips for becoming a successful rainmaker. The program will also launch our next book, which is on the topic of gender issues in rainmaking. Join us to learn from the best, and share your experiences for the benefit of the group.

8:00 – 9:00 AM
EPO LIAISON COUNCIL (COUNCIL MEMBERS ONLY)

EVERGREEN, 4TH FLOOR

8:00 – 9:00 AM
PROFESSIONALISM AND ETHICS (COMMITTEE MEMBERS ONLY)

SALON 820/824, 8TH FLOOR

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM
SPOUSE/GUEST TOUR (TICKETS REQUIRED)

MEET AT THE CANAL STREET ENTRANCE
LOBBY LEVEL BY 8:45 AM

Cultural Walking Tour of the French Quarter

ADVANCED RESERVATIONS REQUIRED/SPACE IS LIMITED. SEE PAGE 42 FOR MORE DETAILS.

9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
SPOUSE/GUEST TOUR (TICKETS REQUIRED)

MEET AT THE CANAL STREET ENTRANCE
LOBBY LEVEL BY 9:15 AM

Mysteries of the Swamp: Jean Lafitte Swamp Tour with Lunch

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS (4:00 – 6:00 PM)

Unless otherwise noted, Committee Meetings are open to all attendees.

4:00 – 5:00 PM

NOTTOWAY, 4TH FLOOR

BIOTECHNOLOGY

Inventorship of Biotechnology Patents

Determining the inventorship of biotechnology patents can be treacherous. In the genomics and proteomics world, who is doing the inventing? Anyone? Come debate this issue and swap war stories with veterans of the trade. The PTO's perspective will be included.

4:00 – 5:00 PM

EDGEWOOD A/B, 4TH FLOOR

CORPORATE PRACTICE

The Corporate Practice Committee will conduct a business meeting to review the projects and goals for its subcommittees. Each committee will provide an overview of their major projects and goals planned for 2007 and seek input from all AIPLA members in attendance. A discussion on AIPLA initiatives to promote corporate membership will also be conducted. All AIPLA members are encouraged to attend and provide your input.

5:00 – 6:00 PM

NOTTOWAY, 4TH FLOOR

ELECTRONIC AND COMPUTER LAW/EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES (JOINT MEETING)

The joint committee will have a panel discussion about the *KSR* case and what life will be like for patent prosecutors if the Supreme Court does away with the Federal Circuit's TSM (teaching, suggestion or motivation) test with respect to obviousness. This session will be a prelude to a Spring Meeting Track devoted to the *KSR* case. It is already getting more difficult to overcome combinations of references in some arts. The panel will discuss potential strategies that may be used in dealing with multiple reference obviousness rejections today and in the future.

4:00 – 6:00 PM

BAYSIDE A, 4TH FLOOR

ELECTRONIC BUSINESS, AUTOMATION AND HARMONIZATION OF STANDARDS/PATENT COOPERATION TREATY ISSUES (JOINT MEETING)

How to e-File a PCT Application and PCT Strategies

This program will be presented by several very experienced practitioners and will explore many topics including:

- (1) How to e-file a PCT application using USPTO's EFS-Web e-filing system together with PCT-SAFE;
- (2) Choosing a searching authority from among Korea, USPTO, and EPO;
- (3) Pros and cons of using the US receiving office and the IB receiving office;
- (4) Avoiding unnecessary security review delays;
- (5) Getting the fastest International Search Reports;
- (6) PCT national-stage filing versus bypass continuations;
- (7) Using PCT as a strategy for proposed U.S. Rule Changes in IDS Practice, Continuation Practice and Examination of Claims Practice.

4:00 – 5:00 PM

SALON 816, 8TH FLOOR

INTERFERENCE

The committee will be receiving its regular status update from Chief Administrative Patent Judge Fleming via conference call. Status updates will also be provided regarding efforts (a) to provide comments on the Standing Order of the BPAI and (b) to rename the Interference Committee the "Contested Cases Committee".

4:00 – 5:00 PM

GRAND BALLROOM D, 5TH FLOOR

IP PRACTICE IN JAPAN

The brief business meeting will include a discussion related to the committee's annual trip to Japan in April. Most of the time will be devoted to presentations by members of the Japanese Patent Attorneys Association on developments in IP law and practice in Japan.

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IP PRACTICE IN THE FAR EAST

Presentation on the Third Proposed Amendments to the Chinese Patent laws by Albert Jacobs, report on the Committee's Seminar for the Shanghai Intellectual Property Administration by Kenneth E. Krosin, and general discussion of the Committee's 2007 programs and activities.

5:00 – 6:00 PM

EVERGREEN, 4TH FLOOR

LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

The committee's main objective this year is to begin the process of developing the survey questions and completing the survey portion of the 2007 AIPLA Report on the Economic Survey. At this meeting, the committee will review the schedule for completing the Survey and Economic Report and discuss key dates for completing the various tasks related thereto. The committee will assess the format for the Report on the Economic Survey in preparation for receiving the results of the Survey in spring/summer of 2007 and discuss the schedule for evaluating various alternative report formats. The committee is also looking for volunteers to help evaluate the survey results and finalizing the report format prior to printing the 2007 Economic Report and will create working groups for these tasks. Finally, during this meeting the committee will develop a list of future programs related to the management of law practice and related topics that will be presented to the membership at future meetings.

5:00 – 6:00 PM

SALON 817, 8TH FLOOR

LAW STUDENTS

4:00 – 5:00 PM

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ONLINE PROGRAMS

The committee will be reporting the results of online programs completed in 2006 as well as developing and finalizing online programs for 2007 through its vendor KRM. The Online Programs Committee appreciate the recent volunteers for coordinating programs and is seeking additional Programs Coordinators to help with developing and overseeing the growing amount of content being provided online. Also, research and review of current and potential vendors for delivery of content at different levels and pricing will be continued.

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PATENT-RELATIONS WITH THE USPTO

USPTO officials have been invited to describe and discuss recent contemplated changes to patent practice and procedures.

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