# The American Intellectual Property Association

Raising the bar...taking IP practitioners to new heights





#### Who is AIPLA?

- Founded in 1897, AIPLA is a national bar association
- AIPLA's focus is to promote and support a healthy IP system in a global economy that is balanced, transparent, and predictable
- Headquartered in Arlington, VA, just outside of Washington, DC

#### Who is AIPLA?

- Governed by a 19-member Board of Directors
  - 2016-2017 Executive Management Committee:
    - President: Mark L. Whitaker, Morrison and Foerster, LLP
    - o President-Elect: Myra H. McCormick, Johnson & Johnson
    - o First Vice President, Sheldon Klein, Gray Plant Mooty
    - Second Vice President: Barbara A. Fiacco, Foley Hoag, LLP
    - o Treasurer: Brian H. Bratzli, Merchant & Gold, PC
    - Secretary: Kim Van Voorhis, Nike, Inc.
    - Immediate Past-President: Denise W. DeFranco, Johnson & Johnson
- Professional staff of 24



#### Who are AIPLA members?

- AIPLA represents a diverse spectrum of individuals from:
  - Law firms
  - Companies
  - Institutions

All of whom are involved directly or indirectly in the practice of patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret, and unfair competition law, as well as other fields of law affecting intellectual property

- Our members represent both owners and users of intellectual property
- Our community consists of nearly 14,000 professional members worldwide



#### Our Vision

AIPLA will be an innovator, powerful advocate, and visible global leader in intellectual property law through our commitment to education, outreach, member service, and advocacy.



#### Our Mission

• We serve our members, fostering their professional and leadership development, helping nurture and mentor them as they advance within our profession, keeping them informed in an ever-evolving legal environment, and enriching the diversity of the profession in which we practice, while responding to their personal and professional needs;



#### Our Mission

• We serve public policy leaders, whose mission is to develop, implement and maintain our intellectual property system, assisting them with objective and unbiased analysis, and helping establish and maintain fair and effective global laws and policies that stimulate and reward innovation and creative works in keeping with the public interest; and,



#### Our Mission

 We serve the public, providing education as to the daily value and benefits of a strong intellectual property system that fosters incentives for creativity & innovation, while balancing the public's interest in healthy competition, reasonable costs and basic fairness.



We enable our member to achieve their full potential through...



#### Education

Excel in your career; earn your required CLEs

- Webinar series
  - CLE, live and pre-recorded
  - NEW! Member exclusive offer Attend all 2017
     AIPLA CLE webinars for just \$495 [12+CLEs]
- Stand-alone education programs
- Stated meetings [Three annually]

# Networking Build a trusted global network

- Online Membership Directory
- 60+ committees
  - Substantive
  - Practice-oriented
- Meetings and events
  - Virtual
  - Face-to-face

# Information - Stay current on news, best practices, and trends

- The Report of the Economic Survey –
   presents a comprehensive analysis on the
   business of IP law practice [\$495 value]
- AIPLA Newsstand delivers latest news and information on industry happenings and trends
- AIPLA Direct provides timely, topical updates on the latest legislative and regulatory decisions

# Advocacy

Advance and influence domestic and international IP policy

 AIPLA is the respected expert on intellectual property issues before the US Supreme Court, the US Congress, the US Patent and Trademark Office, and the World Intellectual Property Organization.



# What can AIPLA do for you?

No matter what career stage you find yourself in today

Or

what your professional goals are,

AIPLA membership opens a vast world of rewarding opportunities for you.



# What can AIPLA do for you?

- Strengthen your trusted network;
- Build your competencies and leadership abilities;
- Establish a solid reputation;
- Grow your book of business; and,
- Advance your career



### How can you join AIPLA?

- Go to www.aipla.org:
  - Apply online
  - Download an application, and
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