INTRODUCTION TO THE AMERICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW ASSOCIATION (AIPLA)
Overview of Organization

- Over 100 years old
- Voluntary bar association
- U.S. and foreign lawyers (in-house, private practice, government, academia), U.S. and foreign patent and trademark agents, USPTO professionals, judges, law students
- 15,000 members
- Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia (D.C. area)
- Paid staff of 25
- Board of Directors (7 Officers, 12 Board members)
Activities of AIPLA

Three stated meetings each year

- Spring Meeting – Seattle, WA, May 15 - 17, 2013

Over 50 committees
Activities of AIPLA

Advocacy

Legislative lobbying – e.g. America Invents Act (“AIA”)
Advocacy

Amicus Briefs
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- Other Courts

Comments
- USPTO
- U.S. Copyright Office
- Other agencies
Advocacy

International/Foreign Government Agencies

- WIPO
- Foreign legislatures
- Foreign patent/trademark/copyright offices
Activities of AIPLA

Education

- Top notch continuing legal education programs at meetings
- On-line programs (e.g. series of programs on AIA)
- International Education Committee Programs
- Rapid Response Team
- Public education (e.g. Creativity in Bloom, www.creativityinbloom.org)
Activities of AIPLA

Other Member Services

- Interactive website (www.aipla.org)
- AIPLA Bulletin, AIPLA Quarterly Journal, AIPLA Direct, AIPLA Newsstand (daily emails powered by Lexology), AIPLA Economic Survey (bi-annual report), CDs, podcasts, webcasts of programs
- Networking/mentoring
- Leadership opportunities
- Sponsorship opportunities
International Outreach

- **International Committees**
- **Industry Trilateral, Industry IP5, TM5 User Group**
- **Recognized NGO at WIPO meetings**
- **Joint programs with sister organizations (FICPI, AIPPI, National IP Associations, etc.)**
- **U.S. Bar Liaison Councils with EPO, JPO, SIPO**
Thank you!

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