

PIPLA NEWS

The official newsletter of the Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association

NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING & CLE

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

McCormick & Schmick's
301 Fifth Avenue
(Entrance: Wood St. and Oliver Ave.)
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
Phone: 412-201-6992

Time: 5:30pm – Registration & Cash Bar
6:00pm – Dinner
7:00pm – CLE

Dinner-plated, choice from selected menu on arrival:
Beef Medallions, Chicken Oscar, Stuffed Shrimp, salads, vegetables, dessert...

CLE: "Protecting America's Proprietary Information and Sensitive Technologies in an Age of Globalization"
(1 hour substantive credit)

Payment Required (Please Prepay):

- Members: \$45 Dinner / \$20 CLE
- Non-Members: \$45 Dinner / \$60 CLE

Check payable to PIPLA. Mail to:

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One Gateway Center, Ste. 1200
420 Ft. Duquesne Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

OR PayPal via website: www.piplaonline.org (under "Activities" and "Regular Meetings," for the "November 18, 2015 Dinner Meeting").

Please RSVP by **November 13, 2015**; there are only 82 seats available; late RSVPs contingent upon seating/meal availability with an additional

\$20 fee. No refunds for cancellations. Walk-ins cannot be accommodated.



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PIPLA 2015-2016 MEETING DATES

Mark your calendars!

- **November 18, 2015** – Dinner Meeting (McCormick & Schmick's)
- **January 20, 2016** – Breakfast Meeting (Allegheny HYP Club)
- **February 17, 2016** – Lunch Meeting (Rivers Club)
- **March 16, 2016** – Dinner Meeting (Duquesne Club)
- **April 20, 2016** – Annual Meeting/ Awards Lunch (Eddie Merlot's)

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www.piplaonline.org

PATENT STATISTICS REPORTS FROM THE USPTO PROVIDE QUICK AND USEFUL DATA

Most patent practitioners likely visit the USPTO's website on a regular, if not daily, basis. These visits might consist of reviewing PAIR to obtain documents and information related to a particular case, filing submissions electronically, or reviewing MPEP regulations. However, buried deep within the USPTO website is a little-known page devoted entirely to various patent statistics reports compiled by the USPTO's Patent Technology Monitoring Team (PTMT) (<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/ido/oeip/taf/reports.htm>). If utilized well, these reports can quickly provide valuable information related to current (and prospective) clients, patent trends in certain technology areas, and competitive benchmarking.

The PTMT homepage provides dozens of possible reports, broken out into categories such as type of patent document, geographic region, patenting organization, and patented technology. Perhaps most useful are the various drill-down utility patent reports broken out by patenting organization, which enable the user to view year-by-year patent issuances for any organization within a selected state or country. For example, below is a listing of Pennsylvania's top 10 patenting organizations (by number of patents granted from the years 2010-2014):

While only 10 organizations are listed in the table below, the USPTO-generated drill-down reports provide patent counts for all organizations having 5 or more issued patents over the entire selected timeframe. Accordingly, one can quickly and easily determine patenting trends from current or prospective clients within a given state or country, or even use this information as a high-level form of competitive benchmarking.

As with almost any report compiling large quantities of data, there are certainly limitations and sources of error within the USPTO's various classifications. For example, patent origin is not determined based on the corporate address of the first-named assignee, but instead based on the residence of the first-named inventor. Clearly, this method of determination could lead to skewed numbers for some organizations, particularly those with employees located throughout the world. Additionally, the USPTO only updates the reports periodically, with the most recent data being patents granted through the year 2014. However, regardless of these limitations, the USPTO's Patent Statistics Reports can provide extremely valuable information to any patent practitioner interested in learning more about patent trends across organizations, geographic regions, and technologies.

TOP 10 PATENTING ORGANIZATIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA – 2010 to 2014

First-Named Assignee	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
TYCO ELECTRONICS CORPORATION	109	116	98	103	95	521
E. I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS AND COMPANY	94	105	104	109	72	484
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	69	53	64	74	83	343
PPG INDUSTRIES OHIO INC.	68	60	54	51	63	296
AGERE SYSTEMS LLC	101	59	60	29	23	272
AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC.	39	44	54	67	52	256
GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY	30	40	40	70	72	252
MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP.	39	38	43	51	48	219
ROHM AND HAAS COMPANY	42	39	46	35	48	210
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH	27	27	39	50	62	205

Data provided by the USPTO's PTMT, <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/ido/oeip/taf/reports.htm>

RECENTLY FILED IP CASES IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Case	National Physique Committee of the USA Inc. et al. v. Timothy Lee Thompson et al.
Case Number	2:15-cv-01396-CRE
Filed	Tuesday, October 27, 2015
Presiding Judge	Magistrate Judge Cynthia Reed Eddy
Cause	Trademark Infringement

Case	Team Angry Filmworks Inc. v. Louise A. Geer et al.
Case Number	2:15-cv-01381-JFC
Filed	Monday, October 26, 2015
Presiding Judge	Chief Judge Joy Flowers Conti
Cause	Copyright Infringement

Case	Chanel Inc. v. Ryan Boal et al.
Case Number	2:15-cv-01303-AJS
Filed	Tuesday, October 6, 2015
Presiding Judge	Judge Arthur J. Schwab
Cause	Trademark Infringement

Case	Softwriters Inc. v. Integra Inc. et al.
Case Number	2:15-cv-01286-LPL
Filed	Thursday, October 1, 2015
Presiding Judge	Magistrate Judge Lisa Pupo Lenihan
Cause	Trademark Infringement

Case	Rotten Records Inc. v. John Doe
Case Number	2:15-cv-01267-CRE
Filed	Tuesday, September 29, 2015
Presiding Judge	Magistrate Judge Cynthia Reed Eddy
Cause	Copyright Infringement

PITTSBURGH INVENTION SPOTLIGHT

“Transforming Components of a Web Page to Voice Prompts,” US Patent No. 9,171,539, issued October 27, 2015. Owned by Vocollect, Inc., of Pittsburgh, and created by Pittsburgh inventors Paul M. Funyak, Norman J. Connors, Paul E. Kolonay, and Matthew A. Nichols.

In part, the invention is a method of parsing HTML components from a web page and transforming them into voice prompts for users with mobile systems. A mobile system embodiment is shown below in Figure 3 of the patent.

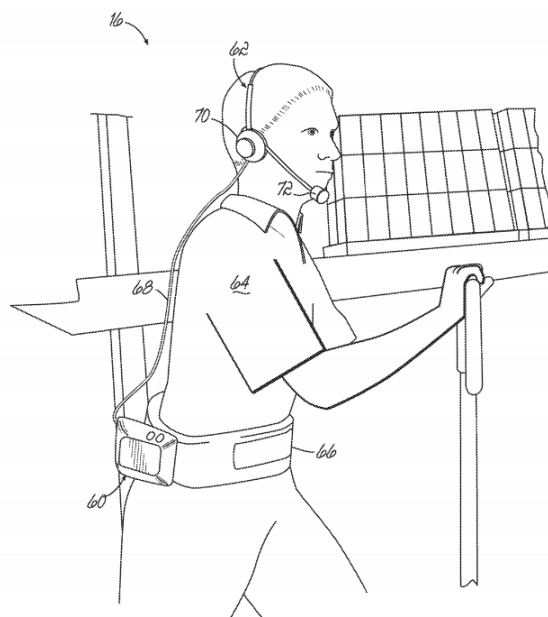


FIG. 3

FROM THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

We hope you've enjoyed this issue of the 2015/2016 PIPLA News, an informative and hopefully entertaining look at the goings on in IP law. We invite our entire readership to contribute to this endeavor with articles, announcements, and job postings of your own. If you have something you would like included in PIPLA News or have questions about how you can contribute, please contact Michael Grese at 412-471-8815 or at mgrese@webblaw.com.

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