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Clients and Friends,

This newsletter contains current news about US patents and the US Patent and Trademark Office, current intellectual property (IP) court cases, domestic and international IP news and IP information of general interest to management of technology companies, inventors, entrepreneurs and attorneys.

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Please contact PIPS to discuss your situation in a free 45 minute consultation.

In this newsletter, we have been including information only from the general media. We have not included information from blogs as they generally contain opinions and are not necessarily factual. Do you feel that we should include information from blogs in this newsletter?

We appreciate your feedback by sending an e-mail to suggestions@protectiveIPservices.com.

USPTO

More money, end of fee diversion sought for patent agency

GovExec.com - USA

The agency also could continue hiring patent examiners and expand its worldwide intellectual property protection efforts, he added. ...

USPTO Report Finds that Inadvertent Filesharing Threatens Personal, Government and Corporate Data

www.uspto.gov

...features that could cause inadvertent sharing even after repeated warnings that these features

could facilitate identity theft and breaches of personal and national security

Open Call From the Patent Office

By Alan Sipress, Washingtonpost.com

The government is about to start opening up the process of reviewing patents to the modern font of wisdom: the Internet.

Stratos International Awarded US Patent for RFID Technology in ...

Yahoo! News (press release) - USA

"This latest patent issue is timely, it will be the catalyst for a number of new initiatives both with partners and other manufacturers," said Richard ...

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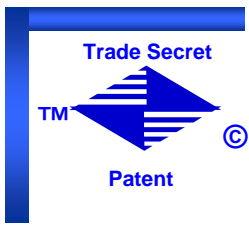
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COURTS

Patent Litigation Has Increased 78% in the US During the Last 10 ...

Business Wire (press release) - San Francisco, CA, USA

These patents were issued by the United States Patent & Trademark Office, the European Patent Office, & the World Intellectual Property Organization. ...

Seagate patent test case on willful infringement/due care goes to ...

Manufacturer.com - UK

The Federal Circuit Court of Appeals has just agreed to hear a case of critical importance to anyone embroiled in patent litigation. ...

House: Judges patently in need of patent education

Ars Technica - Boston, MA, USA

The House of Representatives unanimously passed a bill yesterday that will establish a program for educating judges on patent laws and allow judges to defer ...

Supreme Court to rule on US patent law

MSNBC - USA

The Supreme Court will on Wednesday test the global reach of US patent law, in a case that could have big implications for new technology industries such as ...

US court debates software patent spat

ZDNet UK - UK

Wading into a complex spat between Microsoft and AT&T, US Supreme Court justices on Wednesday voiced scepticism with a prior reading of patent law that ...

Huge patent verdict spotlights US patent debate

EETimes.com - USA

WASHINGTON — A record \$1.52 billion patent verdict against Microsoft Corp. is certain to

provide fuel for computer and software makers in their push to ...

Patent Monkey: Details on Alcatel's \$1.5 B Win Against Microsoft

CrunchGear - Brooklyn, NY, USA

Here's some added detail on the biggest patent litigation settlement in history: Microsoft ordered to pay Alcatel \$1.5 B based on its Windows Media Player ...

DOMESTIC

eBay to sellers: You don't 'own' virtual property

Blogging Stocks - USA

... trade in a product unless he is "the owner of the underlying intellectual property, or authorized to distribute it by the intellectual property owner. ...

Explosive Growth in WiMax Patent Activity Promises Surge in Industry

WiMaxxed (press release) - New York, NY, USA

Mountain View, CA, PRWeb - A new report from WTRS finds dramatic growth surge in WiMax patent activity. Completing intensive study of almost 500 WiMax ...

GlaxoSmithKline issues update on US patent litigation regarding ...

News-Medical.net - Sydney, Australia

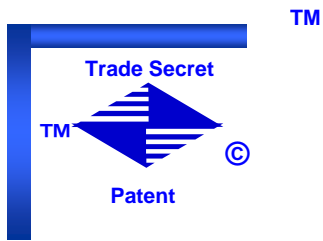
GlaxoSmithKline has issued an update on US patent litigation regarding Valtrex (valacyclovir), an antiviral drug used for the treatment and suppression of ...

Senators Propose Legislation For Better Intellectual Property Defense

Manufacturing.net - Rockaway, NJ, USA

WASHINGTON (AP) — Manufacturers need a more focused defense from the government in the battle over intellectual property theft, two senators said, ...

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[Bayh bill to tackle theft of intellectual property](#)

Evansville Courier & Press (subscription) -
Evansville,IN,USA

US Senator Evan Bayh (D-Ind.) said Wednesday he would help introduce a bill into the Senate to tackle the problem of theft of intellectual property. ...

[Bayh Meets With Businesses, Groups on Intellectual Property ...](#)

Inside INdiana Business (press release) -
Indianapolis,IN,USA

"Today I met and discussed our strategy with a broad array of organizations that understand all too well the difficulties intellectual property theft can ...

[Kodak Files Patent for Edible RFID Tag](#)

RFID Update - Alexandria,VA,USA

NewScientist.com has uncovered a recently filed patent application from camera and imaging technology giant Kodak that outlines a compelling new application ...

[Lawmakers gear up for patent system overhaul](#)

CNET News.com - San Francisco,CA,USA

Key House panel is planning to introduce a potentially sweeping patent bill, but agreeing on details could prove a daunting task. By Anne Broache ...

[Manufacturing Insights Advises Intellectual Property Protection ...](#)

PCB007 (press release) - Seaside,OR,USA

IDC's Manufacturing Insights reveals Intellectual Property Protection (IP) remains at serious risk when manufacturing in low cost regions. ...

[IRS Listens To Taxpayers And Limits Taxation Of Patent Cross Licenses](#)

Mondaq News Alerts (subscription) - London,UK

The IRS provided a Valentine's Day present to companies with patent cross licenses by issuing

Rev. Proc. 2007-23, in which the IRS announced limited ...

[INTERNATIONAL](#)

[US worried about Israel's intellectual property laws](#)

Ha'aretz - Tel Aviv,Israel

"The American government and American companies are very concerned about the state of intellectual property rights in Israel, and we hope Israel will ...

[China's int'l patent filings rise sharply in 2006](#)

Xinhua - Beijing,China

7 (Xinhua) -- China is making more use of the international patent system, with its patent applications rising sharply in 2006, the World Intellectual ...

[Intellectual property is the missing link in BRIC \(Brazil, Russia, India and China\)](#)

[story](#) Daily News & Analysis - Mumbai,India

... but a global survey of big businesses has damned the Big Four as having the worst environment for protection of intellectual property (IP). ...

[Record year for international patent filings, US leads](#)

Manufacturer.com - UK

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), the cornerstone of the international patent system, has since it began ...

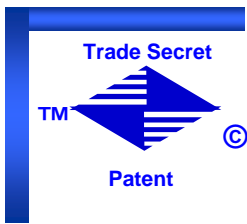
[Asian Patent Wars](#)

American Enterprise Institute -

Washington,DC,USA

But perhaps even more worrying for the long term are the patent wars currently taking place in Asia. The future for efficient pricing may be weakening, ...

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[USA wants to impose economic sanctions on Russia](#)

Russia-InfoCenter - Moscow,Russia

If Russia fails to fulfill obligations on intellectual property protection, undertaken by the country in 2006, the USA will have to impose economic sanctions ...

[US Asks India to Do More to Protect Intellectual Property](#)

Chosun Ilbo - Seoul,South Korea

... leaders that their country's economy will not be able to achieve its full potential unless more is done to protect data and intellectual property.

...

[US Renews Tough Talk on Chinese Piracy](#)

TechNewsWorld - Sherman Oaks,CA,USA

The United States is considering legal action against China over violations of intellectual property rights. The Office of the US Trade Representative said ...

[China says it's ready to import more US products](#)

Orlando Sentinel - Orlando,FL,USA

BEIJING -- China will buy more US-made products

[Canada on US blacklist over intellectual piracy](#)

CBC New Brunswick - New Brunswick,Canada

... movie and music producers wants the administration of US President George W. Bush to put Canada on a blacklist of intellectual property villains. ...

[Drug patent theft carries high price](#)

Baltimore Sun - Baltimore,MD,USA

China, for example, produces more patent rip-offs than any other country. And in India, the government recently passed an amendment denying patents to ...

[Groups identify 60 countries lagging in IP protection](#)

Bizjournals.com - Charlotte,NC,USA

Advocates for intellectual property rights have identified 60 countries that are lagging in IP protection for creative works, including computer software. ...

[Software Piracy Ringleader Extradited From Australia](#)

Earthtimes.org - USA

20 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- In one of the first ever extraditions for an intellectual property offense, the leader of one of the oldest and most

[OTHER](#)

[New Missouri Blawg for Intellectual Property](#)

By Mark@mwortmanlaw.com (Mark Wortman)

I ran across this new blog yesterday which looks like a great resource for individuals and small businesses with intellectual property issues. It is published by R. Scott Kimsey of Kimsey Patent Services in Boonville, Missouri. ...

[Nanotechnology patent lawsuit ruling](#)

Nanowerk LLC - Honolulu,HI,USA

(Nanowerk News) Hard on the heels of our Wednesday Nanowerk Spotlight on the growing problem of patent issues in nanotechnology ("Growing nanotechnology ...

[Intellectual Property: Patent or Padlock: Patents and Trade ...](#)

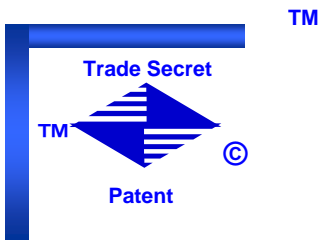
Bio Pharm - Fords,NJ,USA

The intellectual property (IP) of a company is often its core asset. Acquiring, protecting, and enforcing IP involves decisions at the highest levels of the ...

[IP Recovery to Monetize Certain Intellectual Property Assets Owned ...](#)

Business Wire (press release) - San Francisco,CA,USA

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CHICAGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--IP Recovery Inc. announces the sale of certain intellectual property assets that came into the possession of IBM © Corporation ...

[How To Handle Intellectual Property Issues](#)

WebProNews - Lexington,KY,USA

Generally, the problem arises when someone uses your intellectual property for their own purposes, be it a stolen article, a similar-looking company/domain ...

[Patent office rejects trademark of 'Obama bin Laden'](#)

Crain's Chicago Business - Chicago,IL,USA

Karen Bush, a US Patent and Trademark Office lawyer, said Alexandre Batlle's application for the name was rejected because it made false connections between ...

[Hooray for the Patent Troll!](#)

IEEE Spectrum - New York,NY,USA

In late November, Microsoft lost a round in a South Korean legal dispute with a local inventor and a company that had bought the rights to his patent for a ...

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