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Welcome to the November issue of the PIPS IP Update Newsletter:

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### **USPTO**

[LPOs reject patent job reduction rumours on USPTO notice](#) Zee News - Noida,Uttar Pradesh,India

In a recent notice in its Federal Register, the United States Patent and Trade Office (USPTO) has intimated that law firms, attorneys and companies should ...

### **Courts**

Business Patent Policy – In Re Bielski

[Patent ruling is significant for IT companies](#)

Bizjournals.com - Charlotte,NC,USA

A process patent protects a series of actions that produce a desired result. The judges, however, didn't define what constitutes a machine — whether it ...

[Court Reshapes Patent Reform Debate](#)

eWeek - New York, NY

By Roy Mark In a decision likely headed to the Supreme Court, patent court rules software and business patents can be patented only if they are implemented ...

[Did big patent ruling doom software patents?](#)

CNNMoney.com - USA

The US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit's blockbuster patent ruling Thursday in the In re Bilski case obviously has important repercussions for the ...

[Your Business Method Patent Has Just Been Invalidated](#)

Washington Post - United States

What this means for Internet companies and patent trolls alike is that many of their existing patents may be invalid, at least until the case is heard by the ...

[Boo! Scary software patents are dead, dead, DEAD!](#)

Computerworld - Framingham,MA,USA

In All Hallows' Eve's IT Blogwatch, Richi Jennings watches the US software patent "industry" crash and burn, thanks to CAFC.

[...Ruling may make it hard to patent business process](#) Boston Globe - United States

WASHINGTON - The appeals court that handles patent cases set out new rules that may make it harder to obtain protection for inventions on ways of doing ..

[Patent ruling: Good or bad for tech innovation?](#)

ZDNet - USA

A rejection of a patent application by a US appeals court today is expected to send shockwaves through some industries, notably the software industry, ...

[US ruling may curb business method patents](#)

guardian.co.uk - UK

The case turned on whether an inventor can patent an abstract process, something that involves nothing more than thoughts, and was closely watched by ...

[Court limits 'business method' patents](#)

Washington Post - United States

A federal appeals court on Thursday ruled against a man trying to patent a business idea, a decision with far-ranging ...

[US appeals court rejects business method patents](#)

Reuters - USA

A US patent appeals court ruled on Thursday that business methods, such as Amazon.com Inc's one-click to buy goods on the Internet, ...

[Court Limits Issuance of Patents on Methods of Doing Business](#)

Wall Street Journal - USA

In a closely watched case, a federal appeals



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court in Washington, DC, today made it much harder for companies and individuals to get patent

### Domestic

#### FTC Announces First in Series of Hearings on Evolving Intellectual ...

7thSpace Interactive (press release) - New York, NY, USA

The Federal Trade Commission today announced the first of a possible series of public hearings to explore the evolving market for intellectual property (IP) ...

#### Software and business method patents may still be valid

ZDNet - USA

Have you got a bunch of software and business method patents on the shelf, or are you licensing some, and think that the Bilski decision makes all that ...

#### Court limits 'business method' patents

Forbes - NY, USA

a decision that could reshape the way banks and high-tech firms protect their intellectual property, ...

The Obama Presidency

#### An Early Line and on Legal Slots in Obama Administration

Law.com (subscription) - San Francisco, CA, USA

PTO Chief and IP Czar: Intellectual property lawyers are keeping a close eye on Obama's choice to head the US Patent and Trademark Office. ...

#### Highlights: President-elect Obama's Policies On Intellectual ...

By Anthony Kuhn

Albainy-Jenei lists the incoming administration's policies on these important areas with encouraging news on intellectual property, the fight against piracy, and a firm promise to increase both R&D funding and the pursuit of ...

#### What Will The New Administration Bring to Patents and Technology?

Patent Baristas - Cincinnati, OH, USA

Now that Barack Obama is the President-elect of the United States, what does this mean for patents and technology? According to the agenda and philosophies ...

#### Will The US Patent Office See Change? Or More Of The Same?

Patent Baristas - Cincinnati, OH, USA

In the ten weeks between the election and the inauguration, we will have plenty of time to ponder what changes, if any, might be in store for the US Patent ...

#### Who Will Advise Obama? Let The Names Begin

Intellectual Property Watch - Geneva, Switzerland

There are many questions as to what the President Barack Obama administration will look ...

#### Obama Victory Draws Quick Reactions From IP, Tech Communities

By William New

By Liza Porteus Viana for Intellectual Property Watch, with Kaitlin Mara and William New The intellectual property community has been quick to begin the anticipation of a Barack Obama presidency in the United States following his ...

#### American inventors and investors stand to lose if intellectual ...

Fort Worth Star Telegram - Fort Worth, TX, USA

US clean energy intellectual property is being attacked, devalued and blamed at the same time that protectionist barriers are keeping the most promising ...

#### McCain and Obama: neither goes far enough on patent reform

Wired News - USA

One issue I left out, however, was patent reform. Fortunately, today the Annenberg Research Network has released its own long scoresheet. ...

#### Bush Signs New Law - Creates Intellectual Property Czar

... Bush has just signed into law a bill affording greater protection for holders of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and in the process has created at least one new job. The Prioritizing Resources and Organization for Intellectual ...

#### Here's an idea — US patent system needs reform

Bizjournals.com - Charlotte, NC, USA

The US patent system is often held up as the gold standard internationally, but there are growing signs that the system and the US Patent & Trademark Office ...



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### Not making enough money from patents? Here's help

CNET News - San Francisco,CA,USA

At worst, you can use scare tactics against the foolish: Like land speculators, patent investors are investing billions of dollars to amass assets that they ...

### International

#### Supreme Court strengthens drug patent protection

Globe and Mail - Canada

The Supreme Court of Canada has dispensed a major victory to drug companies that conduct original research, strengthening their patent protection against ...

#### Ruling strengthens patent system

Globe and Mail - Canada

The Supreme Court of Canada gave a major boost to patent protection yesterday, strengthening exclusivity for a broad range of industries that conduct ...

#### China defends efforts to protect intellectual property rights

AFP

The United States has been an outspoken critic of China's intellectual property right protection, pointing to the number of fake goods swamping the global ...

#### US court verdict on process patent stirs debate in India

Economic Times - Gurgaon,Haryana,India

While large IT players like Microsoft, IBM have given a thumbs up to the Bilski judgement, Indian companies like Infosys had been lobbying for patents on ...

#### US won 2 claims in IP case versus China: US official

Reuters - USA

... in a landmark trade case against weaknesses in China's laws to protect intellectual property like music and films, a US trade official said on Thursday.

### US complains at WTO against China on Intellectual property

China has become less willing to cooperate with the United States in some intellectual property areas after US complaints at th.

### Others

#### Who owns your intellectual property?

The Times - Johannesburg,Gauteng,South Africa

A company or individual engaged in commerce wants to ensure that it owns its intellectual property for obvious reasons. This sounds silly, but, ...

#### Biotech Innovation and the role of Intellectual Property

By Patients and Patents

Well, one approach to this problem would be to increase intellectual property rights in the biotech firm's creations, as recommended in Saving the Goose: Intellectual Property and Follow-On Biologics (Sept. 17, 2008). ...

#### Meet the New Intellectual Property (IP) Symbol.

PRLog.Org (press release) - Bucuresti,Romania

it is important to know that, though these items may be free and encouraged to share, they are still the intellectual property of the developer, ...

#### Protecting Intellectual Property

By Jennifer Truss

It is very common to see an image and want to use it in your own publication. But did you know that you could possibly be violating copyright law without even knowing it? Copyright law can be a very confusing matter, but it is something ...

#### Intellectual Property Pointers for Enterprising E-Tailers

E-Commerce Times - USA

Aside from the difficulties any business faces, e-tailers must also worry about whether they're violating anyone's intellectual property. ...

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