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### CREATING YOUR SUSTAINED COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE BY STRATEGIC INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT<sup>SM</sup>

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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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#### USPTO

##### Patent review 2.0: Peers to examine applications

FCW.com - Falls Church,VA,USA

A peer review program could change the way the US Patent and Trademark Office handles patent applications. A test of the program will begin in May. ...

##### Patent quest is costly

Albany Times Union - Albany,NY,USA

The US Patent and Trademark Office is busier than ever, showing how important intellectual property has become in the technological and media age. ...

##### Small businesses send mixed message on patent reform

Computerworld - Framingham,MA,USA

March 29, 2007 (IDG News Service) -- US lawmakers heard mixed reviews of patent reform

proposals Thursday, with some small businesses saying changes to the ...

##### Tech companies, investors clash over patent law

CNET News.com - San Francisco,CA,USA

WASHINGTON--A rift has arisen among larger technology companies and smaller venture capital firms over whether dramatic changes to US patent law are ...

##### Inventors Alert: USPTO Grants First Accelerated Patent

About - News & Issues - New York,NY,USA

In just 6 months -- 18 months faster than usual -- the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has issued the first patent processed under its accelerated ...

##### Micron wary of new, accelerated patent process

Idaho Business Review - Boise,ID,USA

describes how the US Patent Office is offering

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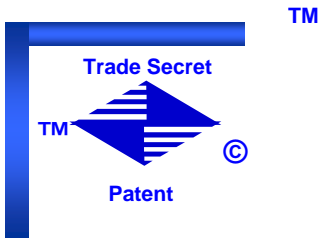
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faster service for companies wanting expedited processing of new patent claims. One company not buying into ...

## Deputy Under-Secretary Pinkos to Leave USPTO

ag-IP-news Agency - Amman, Jordan  
WASHINGTON, DC - The US Deputy Under-Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office ...

## COURTS

### Microsoft wins in second Alcatel-Lucent patent suit [www.news.com.com](http://www.news.com.com)

A week after Microsoft was ordered to hand over \$1.5 billion in an Alcatel-Lucent MP3 patent dispute, a federal judge has ruled that the Windows maker did not violate a patent at the heart of a second trial that was set to begin soon.

### Integrated Genomics Files Suit to Defend Intellectual Property

Business Wire (press release) - San Francisco, CA, USA  
CHICAGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Integrated Genomics (IG), a leading microbial genomics company, today announced that it has filed a lawsuit against two former ...

## DOMESTIC

### Student Inventors Grab Prize, Seek Patent

San Diego Business Journal - CA, USA  
The group has been working on their photovoltaic technology for about a year, and has applied for a patent. Their invention, according to a contest ...

### Nixon Peabody hires away local intellectual property lawyers

Chicago Tribune - Chicago, IL, USA  
Nixon Peabody has hired a group of intellectual-property lawyers from the Chicago office of

Jenkins & Gilchrist. Dallas-based Jenkins & Gilchrist confirmed ...

### In the Public Interest: Nine Points to Consider in Licensing University Technology [www.stanford.edu](http://www.stanford.edu)

Leaders in Licensing of Academic Inventions Suggest Guidance on Best Practices and Ethical Concerns."

### Wisconsin ?rocket docket? speeds patent infringement suits

WTN News - Madison, WI, USA  
Nationally, patent infringement cases typically take two to three years. Patent cases filed in Madison have an average resolution time of six months, ...

### Idle Patents Attract Entrepreneurs

Forbes - NY, USA  
But after an unused patent for instant yogurt landed in his lap, he couldn't resist turning the dormant technology into a business. ...

### How Should We Tax Property In Virtual Worlds?

InformationWeek - Manhasset, NY, USA  
Seems to me that they ought to be taxed the same way as any other intellectual property. Because that's what they are: Intellectual property, ...

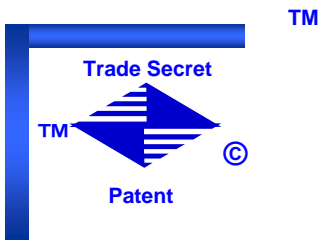
### Intellectual Property Insurance Services to Offer Increased Policy ...

Insurance News Net - Harrisburg, PA, USA  
IPISC's core policies, Infringement Abatement and Infringement Defense, provide funds to help companies cover the high costs of intellectual property ...

### Innovation Asset Launches Blog on Financial Aspects of ...

PR Web (press release) - Ferndale, WA, USA  
"We're at an interesting point in the idea economy as the landscape is increasingly dotted with patents and other intellectual property assets which overlap ...

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## INTERNATIONAL

### Israel No.2 in EU patent applications

By Joseph M. Hochstein(News Service) -  
[http://zionism-israel.com/israel\\_news/index.html](http://zionism-israel.com/israel_news/index.html)  
"The consistent growth in the number of patent submissions and in the number of registered Israeli patents is an indicator of the technological wealth in the Israeli economy, of its supply and of its capacity to continue to grow," said ...

### Worldwide: Are Computer Programs And Business Methods Patentable ...

Mondaq News Alerts (subscription) - London,UK  
Although the United States Patent and Trademark Office generally accepts computer programs and business methods as patentable subject under US patent law, ...

### Strong Property Rights Link to Economic Well-Being, Report Says

Media Newswire (press release) - New York,NY,USA  
IPRI ranked 70 countries on 11 factors related to physical property rights, intellectual property ( IP ) rights and legal and political environments. ...

### Survey: Insiders the biggest threat to intellectual property

SC Magazine - London,UK  
The results of the survey were published in an Enterprise Strategy Group brief titled "Intellectual Property Rules" as part of research conducted on behalf ...

### China grants more patents in 2006

People's Daily Online - Beijing,China  
The State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) received 573000 patent applications in 2006, and 47.8 percent of them were granted national patent rights, ...

### Norway Tops Global Property Rights Protection Index

CNBC - Englewood Cliffs,NJ,USA  
The index, which is based on surveys on the perception of physical and intellectual property rights in 70 economies, is also sponsored by Peruvian economist ...

### Lost patent battle leaves VoIP provider in a hole

ComputerWeekly.com - UK  
Loss-making voice over IP provider Vonage is facing a crisis after losing an expensive patent battle with Verizon Wireless in the US. ...

### US Official Says Chinese Counterfeiters Stay Ahead of Law

HULIQ - Hickory,NC,USA  
The top US official in charge of protecting intellectual property rights says Chinese counterfeiters are often one step ahead of China's intellectual ...

### Violation of Intellectual Property Rights on the Internet: for ...

IBLS INTERNET LAW (subscription) - Irvine,CA,USA  
Thus, those directly affected by copyright violations have resorted to alternative methods to manage intellectual property rights. ...

## OTHER

### Patent Monkey: Nokia Wants You to Throw Away Your Wallet

CrunchGear - Brooklyn,NY,USA  
Let's face it, RFID has had a lot of hype in the past four years, but has failed to find its way into our everyday lives and pocketbooks. ...

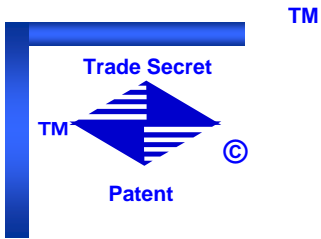
### LegalForce Launches Online Marketplace for Intellectual Property

Business Wire (press release) - San Francisco,CA,USA  
"LegalForce is committed to building the first online marketplace that empowers owners and prospective buyers of intellectual property with an easy-to-use ...

### Google predictive text-entry patent knows where you are

My iPhone - Scottsdale,AZ,USA  
But it's actually true; the patent goes on to explain that, based on your geographical location and predictions honed through learning your routines, ...

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## Cybersquatting Complaints on the Rise

NewsFactor Network - Woodland Hills,CA,USA  
The World Intellectual Property Organization received 1823 complaints in 2006 alleging abusive registrations of trademarks as Internet domain names. ...

## Software agreements require hard examination

Washington Technology - Washington,DC,USA  
Certain provisions in such agreements are imperative to ensure that you own the intellectual property that you think you do. ...

## Two cheers for intellectual-property law

CNET News.com - San Francisco,CA,USA  
Protection for software patents and other intellectual property is essential to maintaining the incentives that encourage and underwrite technological ...

## Vormetric Data Security Survey Shows the Power of Negative ...

Market Wire (press release) - USA  
In the survey of more than 500 visitors to Vormetric's booth, 74 percent of respondents cited a need to protect their own intellectual property from theft ...

## How To Protect Intellectual Property

A guide on scope, strategy and due diligence.  
IndustryWeek -- Operations -  
<http://www.industryweek.com>

## GPL getting tougher on patent deals

ZDNet.com.au - Australia  
The third draft of the General Public License version 3 includes provisions to toughen the license's stance on patent deals between software providers. ...

## GPL outlaws Novell-Microsoft patent deal

Computer Business Review - UK  
The FSF's founder, Richard Stallman, declared in late November that it would use the third draft of GPLv3 to prevent a repeat of the Novell/Microsoft patent ...

## Intellectual property index launched

InvestmentNews - New York,NY,USA  
Ocean Tomo LLC today launched the first index to be based on the value of intellectual property as determined by the price-to-book ratio and is diversified ...

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