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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.

Because of the potential impact of the Supreme Court's decisions in Microsoft vs. AT&T, I have also included a number of articles about it. I hope that they are of interest.

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USPTO

Patent Backlog at US Trademark Office

NewsFactor Network - Woodland Hills, CA, USA
Lengthy delays between applying and getting a patent from the Trademark Office means companies that market innovations without patents are vulnerable to ...

Patently out of date

Los Angeles Times - CA, USA
Yet the federal government's conduit for invention — the US Patent and Trademark Office — has not grown with the rapidly changing times. ...

WARF questions documents used to uphold patent challenge

WTN News - Madison, WI, USA
In late March, patent examiners rejected WARF's patent claims in the first ruling of what promises to be a prolonged patent-review process. ...

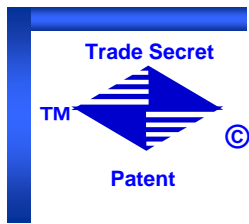
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US Supreme Court backs Microsoft in AT&T patent battle

Times of India - New Delhi, India
SAN FRANCISCO: The US Supreme Court has ruled that AT&T could not extend its patent

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complaint with Microsoft past US borders in a welcomed precedent for US ...

[US Supreme Court Decisions in Microsoft, KSR Patent Cases a Huge ...](#)

SYS-CON Media - Montvale,NJ,USA

KSR vs. Teleflex, the latest in a series of cases the court has heard recently to examine US patent law. In the Microsoft case, the court ruled in a 7-to-1 decision ...

[Supreme Court hands tech firms patent victories](#)

Scientific American - USA

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The US Supreme Court on Monday sided with software and technology companies in two major patent rulings that could leave them less ...

[Licensing Executives Society Warns Supreme Court Decisions May ...](#)

PR Newswire (press release) - New York,NY,USA

For example, he noted that patent laws don't distinguish between scientific categories of inventions. "The same obviousness test is used for drugs and ...

[Judge okays \\$1.5bn Microsoft patent fine](#)

VNUNet.com - UK

A US Federal judge has approved the \$1.53bn damages awarded to Alcatel-Lucent for Microsoft's patent infringements with its Windows Media Player. ...

[Court Rejects Vonage's Request for Retrial of Verizon Patent Suit](#)

Teleclick.ca - Victoria,BC,Canada

A US appeals court has rejected Vonage's request for a retrial of a crippling patent infringement suit brought against the independent VoIP provider by ...

[US Supreme Court and Patent Office push back against biotech IP ...](#)

Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies - Hartford,CT,USA

In related news, the US Patent and Trademark Office has revoked three patents on methods for producing human and primate embryonic stem cells that had

[Vonage appeal cites Supreme Court patent ruling](#)

Computerworld - Framingham,MA,USA

May 10, 2007 (InfoWorld) -- In its appeal of a jury verdict in the patent infringement case brought against it by Verizon, Vonage has turned to a recent US ...

[DOMESTIC](#)

[US will not oppose IEEE patent disclosure policy](#)

EETimes.com - USA

IEEE's policy would allow patent holders to publicly agree to specific restrictions on future licensing terms and conditions for intellectual property ...

[Intellectual-property protection crucial](#)

United Press International - USA

"Industries that are built with intellectual property are critical to our economy," the US Chamber of Commerce's senior vice president of international ...

[Buying Into Patent Lawsuits](#)

Washington Post - Washington,DC,USA

Many tech buyers, however, also have to run a different, less understandable sort of risk: the chance that a patent lawsuit will make a product they like ...

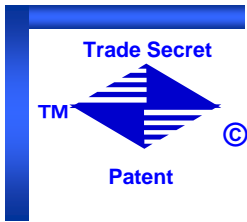
[Vonage close to patent fix](#)

CNET News.com - San Francisco,CA,USA

Vonage is close to coming up with a technical fix that could solve its patent infringement problems, Chief Executive Jeffrey Citron said during the ...

[Microsoft's patent hard line hardest on startups](#)

LinuxWorld.com - Montvale,NJ,USA



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"There's no way a small company, even if it does secure its own patents, can compete against the patent portfolio of any big company," he said. ...

Justice Department Focuses on Efforts to Protect Intellectual ...

Media Newswire (press release) - New York, NY, USA

WASHINGTON - Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales today highlighted the Justice Department's ongoing efforts to protect intellectual property rights, ...

Gonzales Goes For Copyright Pirates' Jugulars

E-Commerce Times - USA

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales wants to crack down on pirates with his proposed Intellectual Property Protection Act of 2007, which includes penalties ...

Gonzales proposes new crime: 'Attempted' copyright infringement

Media Channel - New York, NY, USA

A representative of the Motion Picture Association of America told us: "We appreciate the department's commitment to intellectual property protection and ...

Small tech firms oppose patent reform bill

InfoWorld - San Francisco, CA, USA

More than 100 organizations, including small technology firms, biotech companies, and venture capital groups, have raised concerns about a patent overhaul ...

If the Patent Reform Act Passes

BusinessWeek - USA

Last month, a bipartisan group of leaders from the Senate and the House introduced identical patent-reform legislation that experts believe has a good ...

Tighter Damages Restrictions Sparks Opposition to Patent Reform Bill

BetaNews - USA

For decades in America, claimants in a patent suit have been eligible for treble damages – three times the assessed amount of the violation -- if a jury ...

In the Know

Entrepreneur - USA

By taking the proper steps, you can protect your trademarks, trade secrets and product design and packaging with intellectual property laws. ...

California Healthcare Institute Issues White Paper on Patent ...

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

The paper analyzes several recent developments related to patent law that could have serious implications to the biomedical industry in California and ...

Research Not Slowed By Intellectual Property Protections, AAAS ...

All American Patriots (press release) - Taeb, NA, Sweden

Some experts have feared that a rise in intellectual property (IP) protections could stifle discovery because the protections would bar too many scientists ...

INTERNATIONAL

Brazil Breaks Patent on Merck's Efavirenz AIDS Drug (Update2)

Bloomberg - USA

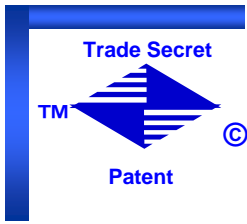
May 4 (Bloomberg) -- Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva broke the patent on Merck & Co's AIDS drug Efavirenz after the company's offer to cut ...

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Ocean Tomo Catches the Wave in Valuing Intellectual Property

Washington Post - Washington, DC, USA

An asset manager at Ocean Tomo, a Chicago



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financial services firm specializing in intellectual property, Cardoza concluded the marketplace was failing to ...

[Corralling Your Intellectual Property in a Wild Web-Based World](#)

British Industry - UK

But the Web-based business world poses new challenges that leave manufacturers' intellectual property at risk. As product designs in electronic formats move ...

[Novell publishes details on its Microsoft patent deal](#)

ZDNet.com blogs - USA

Novell has posted to the Securites and Exchange Commission (SEC) Web site redacted versions of the company's patent, business and technology agreements with ...