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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.

Because of the potential impact of the Supreme Court's KSR International Co. vs. Teleflex, Inc. decision on the patent office's application of the obviousness criteria [35 C.F.R. § 103], I have attached at the end of the newsletter a two-page USPTO memo that states the patent office's preliminary implementation of the decision. The complete Supreme Court decision is available from PIPS upon request.

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### USPTO

#### Government Nixes Stem Cell Patents

New York Law Journal - New York, NY, USA  
In a decision that could widen the field for embryonic stem cell research in the US, the government's patent office has overturned 10-year-old patents held ...

#### US Patent Office Invalidates Three WARF Patents On Human Embryonic ...

Medical News Today (press release) - UK  
The US Patent and Trademark Office on Monday released on its Web site a preliminary

ruling that invalidates three "broad" patents on human embryonic stem ...

#### USPTO Releases New Five-Year Strategic Plan

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/strat2007/>  
Plan builds on record breaking progress in 2006

#### Under Secretary Dudas speaks at the Global Forum Intellectual Property Protection and Innovation in Beijing, China

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/menu/testspeech.html>

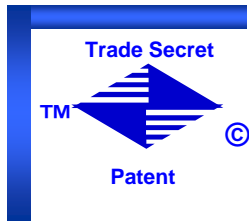
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Dudas spoke of the importance of intellectual property to the global economy and global IP trends, opportunities, and challenges.

## [Congress Introduces Patent Reform Act of 2007](#)

Circuits Assembly - Atlanta, GA, USA  
WASHINGTON – Congress this week introduced into legislation The Patent Reform Act of 2007, a bill aimed at helping the filing process and to ease the ...

## [COURTS](#)

### [Bank of America Sued for Patent Infringement](#)

New York Law Journal - New York, NY, USA  
A Florida company has filed a lawsuit against Bank of America Corp., saying the bank's "Keep the Change" savings program infringes on a patent. ...

### [Rulings Weaken Patents' Power High Court Decides On Two Key Cases](#)

Washington Post Staff Writers Robert Barnes and Alan Sipress

The Supreme Court concluded a series of cases yesterday that weaken the protection given to patent holders, making it more difficult to get a patent and easier to challenge existing ones.

### [Patent licensing: For enforcing companies, the rules have changed](#)

WTN News - Madison, WI, USA  
Many patent owners enforce their patent rights against potential infringers by licensing the patent rather than going to court to stop the infringing ...

## [DOMESTIC](#)

### [Researchers Applaud Federal Rejection of Stem Cell Patent Claims](#)

KPBS - San Diego, CA, USA  
Researchers in California are hailing a decision by federal regulators that rejected key patent claims on human embryonic stem cells. ...

### [Stem cell patent dispute: Wisc. fights back](#)

Scientist - UK  
In the fallout from a major decision by the US patent agency to reject key stem cell patents for

embryonic stem cell research held by the Wisconsin Alumni ...

### [Vonage win reprieve in patent case](#)

Pocket-lint.co.uk - UK  
Following a patent dispute with Verizon in America, Vonage has managed to stave off closure even though a judge in a lower court had said the company could ...

### [Apple patent points to iPhone as remote](#)

MacNN - Santa Clara, CA, USA  
Apple has filed for a patent titled "Techniques for pairing remote controllers with host devices" that mentions using a "mobile phone" to serve as a remote ...

### [Google Tips Its Hand On Voice Search With Speech Interface Patent](#)

InformationWeek - Manhasset, NY, USA  
A Google watcher says a patent on a voice interface for a search engine is a roadmap to the company's future in voice search applications. ...

### [Integrated IP management technologies: the means to more ends](#)

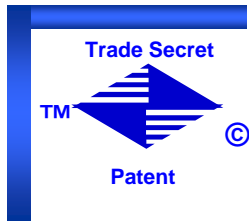
Innovation Asset Group  
"Arizona Technology Enterprises (AzTE), a technology transfer organization, understands that research organizations must emulate successful enterprises to capitalize on the commercial value of technology that universities and research labs are creating.

### [Sears bolsters its balance sheet with IP...\\$1.8 Billion worth!](#)

Innovation Asset Group "Sears is on the cutting edge of a financial innovation so important that it could unlock trillions of dollars in capital across Corporate America and change the way managers of a wide range of businesses think about their balance sheets. "

### [IP Value in the Life Sciences Industry](#)

Innovation Asset Group  
The life sciences industries provide some of the best examples of the risk/reward continuum inherent in the creation and commercialization of ideas. See the recent IAM article highlighting the necessity of a strong IP asset management program. More whitepapers available for download [here](#).



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## [Embryonic stem cell pioneer chose to publish, not patent](#)

San Diego Union Tribune - San Diego, CA, USA  
On April 2, the US Patent and Trademark Office issued a ruling that may invalidate the Wisconsin patents. Bongso's work was identified as proof that what ...

## [Antitrust Enforcement and Intellectual Property Rights: FTC/DOJ ...](#)

Patently-O - Chicago, IL, USA  
The FTC and DOJ have jointly issued a monumental report on the relationship between patent rights and antitrust policy. Gems from the report: ...

## [Avoiding Costs of Intellectual Property Litigation: Think "Mediation"](#)

Inside Indiana Business (press release) - Indianapolis, IN, USA  
Protection of intellectual property is becoming more of a priority for American businesses. In 2006, over 440,000 patent applications were filed with the ...

## [Dems, Republicans Unite on Patent Reform](#)

InternetNews.com - USA  
The Patent Reform Act of 2007 would make it more difficult to prove that a patent was willfully infringed, which would reduce the possibility of treble ...

## [House Panel Urges Patent Bill Compromise](#)

New York Law Journal - New York, NY, USA  
Lawmakers are urging the pharmaceutical and high-technology industries to forge a compromise on a proposed patent reform bill. ...

## [Patent Reform Questioned](#)

PC World - USA  
Patent reform legislation introduced last week would create uncertainty about the validity of many US patents, critics said Thursday. ...

## [2007 Patent Reform: Proposed Amendments on Damages](#)

Patently-O - Chicago, IL, USA  
The proposed 2007 Patent Reform Act (the "Leahy-Berman bill") details modifications to 35 USC § 284 that will most certainly reduce many patent ...

## [INTERNATIONAL](#)

### [Law Firms Rush to Hire IITians](#)

Economic Times - India  
With the shortage of required talent being a major hurdle for niche outsourced works like patent drafting, the law firms are even rushing to India ...

### [EU-Wide Patent Scheme Back on Agenda](#)

BusinessWeek - USA  
The European Commission has kicked off a fresh round of talks on an EU-wide patent system, trying to break a 20-year deadlock which harms the 27-nation ...

### [Another sign Chinese IP practices are maturing](#)

Innovation Asset Group  
"Sohu.com Tuesday threatened to sue Google for violating its intellectual property rights, and renewed a demand for the company to stop downloads of a Chinese software tool based, in part, on one of its own databases."

### [Trade Analyst Raises Concerns Ahead of EU- US Summit](#)

Crosswalk.com - Chesterfield, VA, USA  
"Private US intellectual property rights are under international assault by foreign governments that are intent upon securing transfer of US scientific and ...

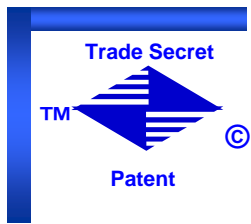
### [EU debates criminal sanctions for intellectual property violations](#)

ComputerworldUK - UK  
The European Parliament is to vote on a proposed law criminalising intellectual property infringements later today, after a fierce debate on its scope. ...

### [Businesses risk missing income due to intellectual property rights ...](#)

PublicTechnology.net - UK  
Small businesses risk missing out on valuable income from new technology or ideas because they're not certain about their intellectual property rights, ...

### [UK Intellectual Property Office offers IP guide for China.](#)



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ThomasNet Industrial News Room (press release) - New York, NY, USA  
The new UK Intellectual Property Office (UK-IPO) guide 'China, an Enforcement Roadmap', offers guidance to the Chinese Intellectual Property protection and ...

## OTHER

[TAEUS Offers Free Patent Analysis Reports for the Ocean Tomo ...](#)

PR-Inside.com (Pressemitteilung) - Wien, Austria  
The TIPSheet is a single report that contains the TIPScores (TAEUS Intellectual Property Scores) for the patents reviewed in the auction. ...

[Ignorance over patent reforms could make your nano tech fortune a flash in the pan](#)

[www.smalltimes.com](http://www.smalltimes.com)

typical nanotechnology pioneers will need to pay close attention to cultivate their intellectual properties in view of these changes. Otherwise, the impact will hardly be nano.