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Women's Intellectual Property
Lawyers Association

Newsletter

Spring 2014

WIPLA's 2014 programs off to an exciting start!

Dear WIPLA Members,

WIPLA kicked off the year with a scintillating networking event and insightful panel discussion on January 15th at Foley & Lardner LLP's Palo Alto office. WIPLA partnered with The Chinese American Lawyers of the Bay Area (CALOBA) to organize "Elimination of Bias in the Legal Profession." The panel featured a diverse group of women, each of whom shared their challenges in their professional endeavors and what issues are of concern to young women entering the profession. The panelists included Marta N. Garcia, a Stanford Law Student, Carol Stratford, Principal of Stratford Law and Jin Zhang, IP Counsel at Marvell Semiconductor. The discussion was moderated by Antoinette F. Konski, President of WIPLA and Partner at Foley & Lardner, LLP.

WIPLA's second event of the year – "IP Year in Review: Trends and Developments of 2013" – was held on March 12th and graciously hosted by Dickstein Shapiro LLP. The panel featured Karna Nisewaner, Associate General Counsel at Cadence Design Systems, Inc., Olga Kay, Patent Counsel at Roche Molecular Systems, Inc., Yana Welinder, Legal Counsel at Wikimedia Foundation and Krista Carter, Partner of the Intellectual Property Practice at Dickstein Shapiro LLP. The panel was moderated by Katie Scott, Partner of the Intellectual Property Practice at Dickstein Shapiro LLP. The panelists each shared their unique perspective into the latest trends in IP law including case development on patent law, trademark protection and trade secrets.

As a new attorney interested in IP and new to the Bay Area, I have found WIPLA extremely helpful in my career development and search for female mentors. I encourage everyone to get involved, volunteer and take advantage of WIPLA's wide and expansive network and resources.

WIPLA consists of an array of female attorneys ranging from start up lawyers to partners at national firms. And we are always looking for new members! WIPLA's aim is to support and empower women intellectual property practitioners and address the challenges they face by providing a forum for interaction, communication and support among fellow women intellectual property lawyers. If you are

not already a member, we hope you will join our organization. For more information on membership and upcoming events, please visit: <http://www.wipla.net>.

Hope to see you at WIPLA event soon!

Fatima Jafri

And coming up...

NEXT MONTH! May 7 Program: Carol Dweck's book, *Mindset*

Wednesday, May 7, 2014
5:30 PM Reception
6:30 PM Round Table Discussions

Foley & Lardner LLP
975 Page Mill Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94304

Details to be announced.

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