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Dear Young Lawyer,

I am pleased to introduce the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law's Young Lawyer Fellowship Program to help encourage young lawyers to become actively and integrally involved in the Section's meetings and committees. The ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law ("Section") is now in the process of seeking nominees to fill at least two three-year positions in the Fellowship Program.

The Fellowship Program provides Young Lawyers the opportunity to participate in key meetings of the Section, which has nearly 20,000 members and is the world's largest intellectual property organization. Since 1894, the Section has contributed significantly to the development of our system for the protection of intellectual property rights.

The Section is committed to keeping its members fully informed about, and actively engaged in influencing, the latest developments in the ever-expanding field of intellectual property law. To that end, the Section provides its membership with outstanding publications, such as the monthly *Chair's Bulletin*, the quarterly *IPL Newsletter*, continuing legal education programs, and legislative developments. The Section is continuously active and influential in U.S. Patent & Trademark Office issues, legislation before the U.S. House and Senate and cases appearing being heard by the U.S. Supreme Court.

If you are a proven leader in the ABA Young Lawyers Division ("YLD"), the IPL Section's Young Lawyers Committee ("YLC"), or your local intellectual property or young lawyers bar associations, you now have the opportunity to join and become a part of the Fellowship Program. Participants in the Young Lawyer Fellowship Program will be expected to attend the IPL Fall Leadership Meeting and Summer IPL Conference for three consecutive years, as well as attend any stand-alone meetings of their committees. During the next ABA bar year (2005-06), these meetings will be held in the following locations on the following dates:

Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, Bonita Springs, FL
Marriott Copley Place Hotel, Boston, MA

November 12-14, 2005
June 21-25, 2006

To ensure their attendance at these meetings, those selected for the program will be reimbursed for expenses incurred in connection with the meetings as follows:

1. Air, rail & automobile travel
 - a. Air: Reimbursement will not exceed the lowest cost coach airfare purchased at least twenty-one (21) days in advance.
 - b. Rail: The actual cost of rail fare may be reimbursed when rail transportation is used.
 - c. Automobile: Reimbursement may be at the rate recognized by the IRS plus tolls and parking, not to exceed the total of the reimbursable airfare described in 1(a).
2. Lodging and meals: The per diem approved for sleeping accommodations and meals is not to exceed \$100 per day.
3. Ground transportation
 - a. To/from airport: Limited to \$30.
 - b. Necessary travel during conference: Limited to \$10 per day.

At these meetings, all fees for meetings, social events and receptions sponsored by the Section will be waived for members of the Fellowship Program. There is a \$1,500 maximum reimbursement per year, per Fellow.

Selected participants are also expected to attend the 2006 and 2007 ABA Annual Meetings. This is an excellent opportunity to become further involved in the ABA, however, ABA policy provides that no funding is available for members of the Fellowship Program to attend the ABA Annual Meetings.

In addition to attending the above-mentioned meetings, each Fellow will be obligated to:

1. Continue to be involved in the activities of the YLD and the Committee and to identify substantive areas of common interest in which members and committees of the YLD can coordinate with, and participate in, the work of the Section.
2. Participate with the YLD Liaisons in recruiting YLD members to become members of the Section, with a specific goal for each Fellow to identify each ABA year no fewer than five persons who can be personally recruited by the leadership of the Section.
3. Coordinate with the YLD Liaisons' efforts to provide broader exposure of the benefits of Section membership to the YLD, including developing plans for joint social and substantive events and programs at the ABA Annual Meeting, as well as YLD meetings.
4. Report to the Council of the Section and the Council of the YLD on an annual basis their experience as Fellows.
5. Act as mentors to new Fellows and other YLD members who join the Section and to organize an annual Fellows alumni event to be held at each IPL Fall Leadership Meeting.
6. Actively participate in at least one other substantive committee of your choice.

To be eligible for the Fellowship Program, you must be an active member of the YLD or YLC or an active member of the YLD who has aged out within the past three years. In selecting fellowship recipients, the following criteria will be considered:

- * participation and leadership in the ABA Young Lawyers Division
- * membership and prior participation in the Section of Intellectual Property Law
- * prior participation in the YLD Intellectual Property & Internet Law Committee
- * prior participation in the IPL Young Lawyers Committee
- * prior participation and involvement in other ABA offices and committees
- * determination, commitment and enthusiasm

The Section is committed to promoting diversity among its membership. Not only will the Section consider law firm size, practice area, and geographic location of the applicants, but will also place a special emphasis on ensuring that the participants represent diverse racial, gender, ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds.

The Young Lawyer Fellowship Program is restricted to members of the Section. However, when submitting an application for the Fellowship Program, you may apply concurrently for Section membership. Section membership may also be easily obtained online at www.abanet.org/intelprop/ptmembership.html. Regardless of whether you apply for this program, the Section welcomes and encourages you to become a member. For additional information regarding the Section, please visit our website at www.abanet.org/intelprop.

The deadline for receipt of all applications is June 30, 2005. Please mail, fax, or e-mail a resume and a letter, no more than two pages in length, describing the manner in which you satisfy, or exceed, the above-identified criteria, as well as the manner in which your involvement can benefit the Section. If you are not presently a member of the Section, please transmit a copy of your application for membership along with your cover letter and resume. If you have questions regarding this program, please contact Lea Speed at 901-577-2336 or lspeed@bakerdonelson.com.

Please mail, fax or e-mail your application by June 30, 2005 to the following address:

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ANY APPLICATION RECEIVED AFTER JUNE 30, 2005 WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

The nominations will be announced at the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago this August. Selected Fellows will be expected to commence their obligations soon thereafter.

We hope that you will take this opportunity to become a member of the Fellowship Program and to become actively involved in the Section, as well as reap the benefits of membership. The Section is committed to reaching out to young lawyers and fostering their involvement in activities. To help achieve this goal, we request that you pass along this information to other young lawyers who may qualify for the Fellowship Program and who are interested in the opportunities it affords.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lea Hall Speed". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lea Hall Speed

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