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CLE: To Blaze a Trail: Building a Diverse Legal Profession from The Ground Up

Friday, September 30, 2022

12:00-2:00pm ET | Room 282 and via Zoom

Presented by:

Ahmed J. Davis, Christina Ferrari JD '10, Caren K. Khoo JD/MIP '00, Assistant Dean Neil Sirota

Join us for a presentation focused on unique ideas for diversifying the legal profession.



AHMED J. DAVIS is an IP trial lawyer with 20 years' experience serving clients needing a practical and forthright counselor to handle complex patent litigation matters within highly technical industries. He has been lead trial counsel in U.S. district courts, the ITC, the Court of Federal Claims, and at the Federal Circuit, where he was a law clerk before joining Fish. He is the firm's go-to attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, where as a practitioner he has earned a respected reputation as a skillful advocate who excels at explaining complex technologies. Ahmed's forte is jury trials—and his value in the courtroom extends beyond his eloquence and commanding presence as a litigator. Clients praise him for being a great team leader who positions each member of the trial team for success. While his background allows him to “speak the language” of science and technology, Ahmed never lets that override the human element in every case. And as a management committee member, national chair of the firm's Diversity & Inclusion initiative and the firm's first Black full-equity principal, Ahmed is a vocal and influential advocate behind Fish's longstanding commitment to building a more diverse workforce through recruiting and developing diverse attorneys.

Ahmed has a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Morehouse College and a Master's degree in Chemistry from Emory University, both in Atlanta. He received his J.D. in 1999 from Georgetown University Law Center. Before joining Fish, Ahmed clerked for Hon. Leonie M. Brinkema in the Eastern District of Virginia and for Hon. Paul R. Michel at the Federal Circuit.



CHRISTINA FERRARI JD '10 is a shareholder of Bernstein Shur, P.A., where she is a member of the Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Business, and Healthcare Practice Groups. She represents individuals and businesses in complex litigation matters and appeals in state and federal courts, before administrative agencies, and in the dispute resolution process. Before entering law, Christina was a dedicated biomedical researcher in the fields of neurosurgery and neuropharmacology, and she now puts her industry-specific, technical knowledge to work in defending pharmaceutical, medical device, life sciences, and healthcare clients in high-stakes disputes. She also serves as outside general counsel to businesses in a variety of industries, delivering comprehensive regulatory and risk management strategies and compiling cross-disciplinary teams to meet all of their needs. She is a past President of the New Hampshire Women's Bar Association (NHWBA), and has been on the Board of the NHWBA since 2011 in several other leadership roles. In 2020, the New Hampshire Bar Association awarded Christina the Philip S. Hollman Award for Gender Equality. Christina is also a member of the New Hampshire Tech Alliance's Board of Directors, chairing the Government Affairs Committee, and a member of the Dean's Advisory Council for the University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law. She earned her J.D. from Franklin Pierce Law Center, where she was a Daniel Webster Scholar and sworn into the New Hampshire Bar prior to graduation, and her M.A. in Medical Science, with Thesis Honors, from Boston University School of Medicine.

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CAREN K. KHOO JD/MIP '00 is Vice President & Deputy General Counsel – Global Technology & Intellectual Property, supporting Verizon’s technological and strategic development, exploration, deployment, transformation, and innovation, with particular strength in structuring and enabling new, hard, and unique technology-based efforts and partnerships. Caren leads an international legal team that supports the Global Chief Data and Information Technology Officer, Chief Product Development Officer, Chief Technology Ambassador, and their organizations, and is central primary counsel for artificial intelligence, machine learning, and data governance matters, including AI strategy, policy, and ethics. Caren and her team also serve as the corporate experts for patent prosecution, intellectual property M&A, licensing, and transactions, software copyright and open source, and industry-consortia/standards-setting issues. Prior to her current position, Caren held a variety of challenging, fun, growth roles across Verizon at the intersection of emerging technologies, new business models, balancing uncertainty and risk, and leading direct and matrixed teams.

Long committed to supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion, Caren advocates for the recruitment and success of women and minorities in law and technology. She co-founded the New York regional chapter of ChIPs, a renowned non-profit organization established to advance and connect women in technology, law, and policy.

Caren earned a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Rutgers University and her J.D. and master’s degree in intellectual property from the UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law. Before Verizon, she practiced IP litigation at Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto (now Venable) and Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr.



NEIL SIROTA joined UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law as Assistant Dean of Career Services in April 2021. Neil previously ran the Career Services Offices at two other law schools, enjoying an increase in employment outcomes at both institutions. At Penn State Law, Neil instituted a wide range of innovative programs including Leading Law Students, which placed law students as board members of community non-profit organizations. Also at Penn State, Neil served as a member of the Executive Leadership Team for the President’s Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity.

Neil graduated from Columbia Law School and began his career as an antitrust attorney at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in New York and Palo Alto. Since that time, Neil has worked as a legal headhunter and spent two years in Myanmar (Burma) as a volunteer with local civil society organizations. Immediately prior to joining UNH Law, Neil designed and launched the Professional Careers Program at St. George’s University School of Medicine, which provides career counseling and placement services to students and graduates seeking careers outside the practice of medicine.



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CLE: Pandemics and Patents: Aligning Incentives in The Service of Public Health

Friday, September 30, 2022

2:30-4:30 pm ET | Room 282 | Registration is Required for Zoom Participation

Presented by:

Peter Lando JD '91, Petro Terblanche, Richard Wilder JD '84

The pandemic has again brought into focus the issues of how to best develop and fairly distribute novel medical treatments throughout the world. Often the media describes this issue focusing solely on patent rights, and while those are a part of the issue, there are many other legal and economic issues that affect worldwide distribution of novel medical drugs and treatments. Our panel seeks to present an overview of the challenges and perhaps propose some ideas about solutions.

Please note that this presentation is for two-hour of CLE credit.



PETER LANDO JD '91 is a Partner at Lando Anastasi, LLP, a mid-size IP Boutique in Boston. He is a 1991 graduate of UNH Franklin Pierce Law and serves as co-chair of the Dean's Advisory Board. Peter's practice involves all areas of intellectual property and related transactions. He is routinely involved in due diligence investigations for acquisitions and divestitures of IP portfolios, involving new businesses to companies valued at more than \$1 billion, and he has been the primary negotiator or lead counsel in dozens of licensing and related business transactions. He frequently prepares patentability and freedom-to-operate opinions and has prosecuted a significant number of patents that have been successfully enforced in court and/or licensed. In addition, Peter has provided creative trademark counsel resulting in unique registration and enforcement strategies.

Peter has particular experience in the chemical process industries, water and wastewater treatment technologies, medical devices, polymers, small particles, specialty metals and ceramics, and mechanical and industrial designs. He is one of the country's leading intellectual property attorneys on "clean" and "green" technologies. This experience has made him a sought-after counsel by investors in these technologies, both nationally and internationally.

Peter is active in the IP community, speaking to general industry, client and student groups on a wide variety of intellectual property topics. He has presented to the Licensing Executives Society (LES), on IP due diligence; the Association of Corporate Patent Counsel (ACPC) on notice and declaratory judgment jurisdiction; International Trademark Association (INTA) on trademark practice issues; Advanced Licensing Institute on joint development and collaborative intellectual property transactions; and to corporate R&D groups on IP management and strategy.

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MICKY MINHAS is Senior Vice President at the Marconi Group, an intellectual property licensing and investment firm based in Dallas, Texas. As part of the Marconi management team, he plays a vital role supporting Marconi's vision of transforming the fundamentals of intellectual property licensing through providing better ways to share patented technology.

Before joining Marconi in March 2020, Micky was Chief Patent Counsel for Microsoft, managing the Microsoft patent group since 2012. Micky managed a team of over one hundred patent professionals who were primarily responsible for outbound and inbound intellectual property licensing, patent strategy, patent acquisitions and divestitures. He also managed patent preparation and prosecution of patents and was responsible for Microsoft's conflicts, indemnification and prelitigation practice. During his time, Microsoft had a significant patent licensing business resulting in significant revenue for the company, as well as placement of Microsoft products on Android based mobile devices.

Prior to Microsoft, Micky served for 13 years as Vice President of Intellectual Property Strategy at Qualcomm in San Diego, California. There, Micky was responsible for establishing the company's 4G patent portfolio as well as intellectual property aspects of Qualcomm's mergers and acquisitions practice. As part of his time with Qualcomm, Micky was based in Munich, Germany where he managed the company's patent opposition practice.

Micky holds a BS in Electrical Engineering from Marquette University ('89), an MS in Electrical Engineering from George Washington University ('93) and a JD and LLM from the University of New Hampshire ('97), where he continues to work as the Director of Intellectual Property.

Micky served as President of Marquette Alumni Board, which he has been on since 2016. In addition, Micky is on the Marquette University Board of Trustees since 2019. Micky has served on the Board of the Intellectual Property Owners (IPO) since 2012.



PETRO TERBLANCHE has a successful track record in the strategic and operational management of technology intensive organizations. She has played a key part in the design and implementation of South Africa's biotechnology strategy. She holds the position of Managing Director of Afrigen Biologics (Pty)Ltd based in Cape Town, South Africa. Afrigen hosts the global mRNA technology vaccine Hub under the COVAX initiative and has a mRNA Covid 19 vaccine candidate in development as part of a global program to build capacity and capabilities in LMICs to design, develop and produce mRNA vaccines. Petro also holds a part time position as Professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the North-West University. A considerable part of her career was in research, development and innovation at the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) as well as the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). She has held and holding several strategic public and private sector Board positions in SA as well as the position as President of the Stakeholders Organization for the Global Alliance for TB Drug Discovery and Development (2007-2010). She has several qualifications which include: a Master of Science and a Doctor of Science in Medical Oncology from the University of Pretoria, post-doctoral she was a visiting scientist at Harvard University School of Public Health and thereafter, completed a Management of Technology program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in addition to several management and leadership programs from leading institutions globally. Prof Terblanche is the author of more than 200 scientific publications and conference papers in public health. She was recently acknowledged as one of the legends of science by the Academy of Sciences South Africa.

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RICHARD WILDER JD '84 started his professional life in engineering and then studied law — with a particular focus on intellectual property law. His law practice evolved from a focus on patent law in private and corporate practice, to teaching, and to taking on increasingly responsible policy positions in government, intergovernmental organizations and in the private sector. Over the past two decades his focus has been on global public health law — including establishing organizations and leading the development of agreements to enable the development, manufacture and distribution of drugs, vaccines and diagnostics intended for global use.

A common thread running through Mr. Wilder's work in recent years has been enabling access to drugs, vaccines, and diagnostics with a particular focus on access by affected populations in low and middle-income countries. His work also addressed how to ensure access to the artifacts of scientific research, including published materials, data, software code and biological materials. When he led the IP Policy Team at Microsoft, access to source code and related license structures and business models was driving the intense, global debate on intellectual property and the role of open-source software in the development and distribution of software products. While serving as a legal advisor to the Global Health Program at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Richard led the development of the open access policy for publications arising from work funded by the foundation. The policy won the SPARC Innovator Award in 2015. As General Counsel and Director, Legal and Business Development at the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, he directed the legal and business development affairs of CEPI during its initial start-up phase and through the first two years of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This work included careful and intense engagement on how to ensure equitable access to vaccines against COVID-19 on an equitable basis — a work that is still in progress. Richard also served as a committee member of the Roundtable on Aligning Incentives for Open Science convened by the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine. He is also experienced with the international public law aspects of intellectual property and access, including as a director at a UN Agency (the World Intellectual Property Organization) and on in treaty negotiations on behalf of the US Government.

Mr. Wilder is now a consultant to companies, non-profit organizations, and governments, serves on the Board of the Public Library of Science, and is a Senior Scholar at the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law of Georgetown Law. He writes and speaks often on matters of law, governance, and science — especially in the life sciences sector. He also serves on a variety of advisory panels, including having served as a committee member of the Roundtable on Aligning Incentives for Open Science convened by the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine.



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New Hampshire Trial Practice: Hear From and Ask the Judges

Friday, September 30, 2022

3-4 pm ET | Room 205 | Registration is Required for Zoom Participation

Presented by: Judge Kristin Spath and Judge Charles Temple

Trial practice in the New Hampshire Superior and Circuit Courts. Here's your chance to hear about how to be the best advocate in our trial Court system. Both Judge Spath and Temple will share their perspective on trial practice, focusing on criminal cases. But most of the time will be yours to ask questions about the best ways to be an advocate in the New Hampshire Courts.

Please note that this presentation is for one-hour of CLE credit.



JUDGE KRISTIN SPATH JD '85 has been on the Circuit Court bench for 11 years, and recently took Senior Active Status. Judge Spath graduated from Franklin Pierce Law Center in 1985. She started legal career as a State Public Defender and then was appointed Deputy Clerk of Merrimack County Superior Court and worked there for 5 years. After working at Merrimack Superior Court, she went on to work as a Federal Public Defender, and then spend 13 years at the NH Department of Justice, first as the Chief of the Consumer Protection Bureau and then as the Chief of Staff for the 8 years prior to being appointed to the Bench. Judge Spath was recently awarded the Justice William A Grimes award presented by the New Hampshire Bar association for Judicial Professionalism. Her biography for the award noted that her compassion and humor. Judge Spath treats everyone in her courtroom with dignity, kindness, and respect, and makes them feel heard.



JUDGE CHARLES "CHUCK" TEMPLE JD '85 is a 1982 graduate of the University of New Hampshire and received his Juris Doctorate in 1985 from UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law. He practiced at Upshall, Cooper and Temple, P.A. from 1985-2003, served as the Director of the Criminal Practice Clinic at UNH School of Law from 2003-2014, and has been an Associate Justice on the New Hampshire Superior Court since 2014. He continues to serve as an Adjunct Professor at the law school, teaching Trial Advocacy. Judge Temple has also served as Chair of the Public Employee Labor Relations Board and on the Committee for Cooperation with the Courts.