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**AIPPI-US HOLDS INTERNATIONAL IP FORUM AND ANNUAL MEETING
AND NAMES NEW OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

ATLANTA, GA - On November 7-8, 2010, the AIPPI-US held its Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, hosted by the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago (IPLAC). During the Annual Meeting, AIPPI-US members overwhelmingly approved the new slate of Officers and Executive Committee members proposed by the Nominating Committee. Approved for two-year terms were President **Rich Beem**, founder and principal of Beem Patent Law Firm; Vice President **David W. Hill** of Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP. in Reston, VA; Vice President **R. Mark Halligan** of Nixon Peabody in Chicago, IL; Vice President **Alan Kasper** of Sughrue Mion in Washington, DC; Treasurer **William Ellis** of Foley & Lardner in Washington, DC, and Secretary **Andrew Meunier** of McKeon, Meunier, Carlin & Curfman LLC, in Atlanta, GA. New members of the Executive Committee are: **Kenneth R. Adamo** of Jones, Day, in Cleveland, OH; **Barry Cohen**, of Soren Royer Cooper of King of Prussia, PA; **Margaret Dobrowsky** of Brinks, Hofer, Gilson & Lione in Ann Arbor, MI; **Joshua Goldberg**, of the Nath Law Group in Alexandria, VA; **Peter C. Schechter** of Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge LLP in New York, NY; **Kevin Tottis**, Law Office of Kevin Tottis, in Chicago, IL; and **Herbert Wamsley**, Executive Director at Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO) in Washington, DC, and **David Marr**.

AIPPI-US also welcomed and thanks the following U.S. and international guests and speakers for informative presentations at the International IP Forum moderated by **Robert Saccoff** of Pattishall, McAuliffe, Newbury, Hilliard & Geraldson:

Patrick Campbell, J.A. Kemp, London, European Patent Practice, Case Law and Practice Developments in Patentability in the Life Sciences

Joshua B. Goldberg, The Nath Law Group, USA, International Enforcement Strategies for Consumer Products

Ethan Horwitz, King & Spalding, USA, Intellectual Property Bankruptcy Interface

Stephen G. Kunin, Oblon, Spivak, McClelland, Maier & Neustadt, USA, former Deputy Commissioner USPTO, Patent Reform, The Debate Continues

Low Pei Lin, Allen & Gledhill LLP, Singapore, Trademark & Patent Prosecution & Enforcement Options in Singapore

Ted Marr, Allens Arthur Robinson, Hong Kong, Trademarks & Domain Names - Law & Practice in Greater China

Richard Price, Taylor Wessing, London, Patent Litigation and Forum Shopping in Europe

Jay Sha, Liu, Shen & Associates, China, Trademark & Design Protection in China & Conducting R&D in China

Thomas D. Vander Veen, Navigant Economics, USA, International Strategies for Leveraging Intellectual Assets

David W. Hill, Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP. in Reston, VA, Update from the October AIPPI 42nd World IP Congress in Paris.

About AIPPI-US

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