Meet the Speakers

Honorable Kathleen O'Malley: Judge O'Malley was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit by President Obama in 2010. Prior to her elevation to the Federal Circuit, Judge O'Malley was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio by President Clinton in 1994. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge O'Malley served as First Assistant Attorney General, Chief of Staff, and Chief Counsel to the Attorney General for the State of Ohio, Lee Fisher. Judge O'Malley was also in private practice with Jones Day and Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur, practicing complex litigation. Judge O'Malley began her legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Among other awards for her service on the bench, Judge O'Malley has been awarded the Sedona Conference Lifetime Achievement Award, the New Jersey Intellectual Property Law Association Jefferson Medal, the New York Intellectual



Property Law Association Outstanding Public Service Award, and the Intellectual Property Owners Association's 2020 Distinguished IP Professional Award, and was named to the Globe Business Media Group's IP Hall of Fame. Judge O'Malley is a member of four American Inns of Court chapters, including the Kathleen M. O'Malley Inn of Court in Cleveland, Ohio, named in her honor.

Russell Slifer: Russ Slifer is a registered patent attorney and principal of Schwegman Lundberg & Woessner. He has focused exclusively on intellectual property law since 1994 helping a wide variety of clients build patent portfolios to protect their innovations, including individual inventors, universities, and Fortune 100 companies. Russ served as the Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office under the Obama Administration. As Deputy



Director, Russ managed all day-to-day operations of the USPTO. He was also the first Director of the Rocky Mountain Region Patent Office, prior to his appointment as Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce, serving as the agency's primary liaison with the innovation community in the Rocky Mountain Region. Prior to his government service, Russ was the Chief Patent Counsel for Micron Technology where he managed one of the world's largest patent portfolios. Russ started his professional career as a design engineer for Honeywell.

Kim Schmitt: Kimberly Schmitt is Vice President and Director of Patent Litigation at Intel. Kim's team manages and leads high-stakes patent litigations for the company in countries around the world. Kim has two decades of experience in patent and trade secret litigation, and has arbitrated and litigated cases in multiple U.S. District Courts and in the U.S. International Trade Commission. Kim is a registered member of the patent bar and is a frequent speaker on patent policy related



issues. At Intel, Kim serves as a member of the Diversity and Inclusion team. Before joining Intel in 2012, Kim was a partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP and a prior to that, an associate at Weil Gotshal and Manges LLP, both in the San Francisco Bay area. Kim has a physics degree from Dartmouth College and graduated magna cum laude from Boston University School of Law.

Mark Perry: Mark A. Perry is a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP and Co-Chair of the Firm's nationwide Appellate and Constitutional Law Practice Group. His practice focuses on complex commercial litigation at both the trial and appellate levels. Mr. Perry is an accomplished appellate lawyer who has briefed and argued many cases in the Supreme Court of the United States. He has served as chief appellate counsel to Fortune 100 companies in significant securities, intellectual property, and employment cases. He also appears frequently in federal district courts, serving both as lead counsel and legal strategist in complex commercial cases. Before joining Gibson Dunn, Mr. Perry served as a



law clerk to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor of the Supreme Court of the United States, and to Judge Alex Kozinski of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He also worked as what is now called a Bristow Fellow in the Office of the Solicitor General of the United States.

David Simon: David M. Simon is the Sr. Vice President for Intellectual Property of salesforce.com, inc. where he is responsible for its worldwide intellectual property. Prior to joining salesforce.com in 2013, he was the Chief Patent Counsel for Intel Corporation, where he led Intel's involvement in one of the early successful Economic Espionage Act prosecutions. He is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Georgetown University Law Center and has spoken on a variety of IP matters before both the House and Senate Judiciary Committees and has spoken at multiple international IP conferences. He is currently a board member of the High Tech Inventors Alliance and has previously served as a board member of the Intellectual Property Owners Association and the IP Advisory Board for George Washington Law School.



Todd Pleiness: Todd Pleiness is Senior IP Counsel for Mahle. He is an insightful patent attorney with a broad engineering and manufacturing background coupled with a perspective gained through legal experience at private, government, and corporate positions. Mr. Pleiness is a solid collaborator and has the ability to simplify the intricacies of patent law with teams including legal and engineering members. He provides a logical approach to intellectual property and specializes in the prosecution of US and foreign patent applications. Mr. Pleiness enjoys the challenges of conducting prior art searches for patentability, validity and freedom-to-operate opinions.



William Hunter: William Hunter is a principal in the Southern California office of Fish & Richardson P.C., where he has served as the office's patent group leader for the last 10 years. Mr. Hunter is a leading patent attorney whose practice is focused on patent prosecution, strategy and analysis, patent opinions, product clearance, due diligence investigations (in support of acquisitions and mergers) and post-grant proceedings. He also provides strategic advice and direction to clients in other areas of intellectual property (IP) law, including trademark, copyright and trade secret



law. Mr. Hunter has significant experience counseling individuals, universities and research institutes, start-up, technology and manufacturing companies in the development and management of U.S. and international patent portfolios across a wide range of technologies.

Cyndi Wheeler: Cyndi Wheeler is the Head of IP and Litigation for Slack Technologies, LLC, a Salesforce company, where she is responsible for all aspects of intellectual property, including patents, trademarks, open source, and litigation. She is also on the Board of Directors of ChIPs, a nonprofit organization that advances and connects women in technology, law and policy. Cyndi began her career as an electrical engineer at Intel after graduating from the Colorado School of Mines. While at Intel, she attended Santa Clara University School of Law and graduated cum laude in 2005. Cyndi continued her career as a patent attorney at Intel and then at Apple, where over the span of more than a decade she held various roles



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Tim Loomis: Tim Loomis is a partner at Shumaker & Sieffert, PA and former Chief IP Counsel at Qualcomm Incorporated. Tim's practice focuses on patent portfolio strategy, patent preparation and prosecution, IP policy, licensing and infringement counseling in electronics, software, and medical device fields. Tim earned his Juris Doctor degree with Honors from the University of Maryland School of Law and his Bachelor of Science degree from Duke University where he double majored in Electrical Engineering and Political Science. Tim is active in ACPC, IPO and AIPLA.



George Kanabe: George Kanabe is Deputy General Counsel for Product, Brand & IP at McAfee, a leader in online protection. He previously practiced with firms in New York City, Atlanta, and most recently San Francisco as a partner in the IP group of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe. George has advised startups to Fortune 10's on matters such as portfolio management, transactions and disputes. In his personal time, he enjoys the outdoors and traveling with his family.



Antun Peakovic: Antun Peakovic is Director of Intellectual Property, Americas at Schaeffler. Antun manages the company's intellectual property portfolio, including patent portfolio management, patent dispute management and strategy and brand protection and anti-counterfeiting work in North and South America. He is licensed to practice law in Michigan and Ontario, Canada.



Tom Quinn: Tom enjoyed a 15-year career in both private and corporate practice, progressing from Associate to Chief IP Counsel to General Counsel. In 2005, Tom's entrepreneurial spirit led him away from legal practice and into IP legal operations, where he founded ITIP. ITIP quickly became the world's largest international patent filer and leading IP cost management solution. In a series of liquidity events, Tom transitioned out of ITIP (now Questel) and into his next entrepreneurial adventure, IP Attorney Hub.



Aakash Parekh: Aakash Parekh is Senior Director of Intellectual Property at SparkCognition. Aakash oversees all aspects of the company's global intellectual property strategy, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. Aakash is also the in-house lead for several other areas, including governance, corporate, financing, M&A, and litigation. Prior to SparkCognition, Aakash was Principal at the Toler Law Group, where he represented clients ranging from Fortune 500 corporations to early-stage and venture-backed companies in all aspects of IP procurement, licensing, and litigation.



Geoff Shipsides: Geoff has served as Bigfoot Biomedical's General Counsel since March 2019. From 2015 to 2019, he served as Bigfoot's Vice President of Intellectual Property. During this time, Geoff was responsible for building the company's legal structure and compliance framework, as well as advising on strategic transactions. Geoff's strong background in intellectual property has assisted Bigfoot in developing a patent portfolio that includes over 600 patent assets. Prior to joining Bigfoot, Geoff was a principal at Fish & Richardson PC, where he focused on advising innovative medical device and consumer product companies. Geoff earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemical



Engineering from the University of Florida and his Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center.

Suzanne Harrison: Suzanne S. Harrison is an author, patent futurist, and economist. She works with companies to help them utilize their patent data to make more informed decisions and realize the true value of their intellectual property. Her specialties are quantifying legal risk, forecasting patent trends, increasing diversity in inventorship and helping companies place IP bets now to ensure access to innovation and markets in the future. She is also a member of the USPTO Patent Public Advisory Committee (PPAC).



Sunjay Mohan: Sunjay Mohan is vice president and head of the global patent group at SAP, leading a global team responsible for managing SAP's worldwide patent portfolio. Mr. Mohan is also a member of SAP's IP leadership team, which oversees SAP's strategy related to IP risk management, litigation, transactions and portfolio development. Previously, Mr. Mohan held various positions within SAP, including as the head of its in-house team of patent specialists providing various patent-related services including drafting, prosecution, searching and other patent analysis. Before moving to SAP, Mr. Mohan was an associate at Klarquist, LLP in

Portland, where he had a diverse practice advising clients on patent prosecution, litigation, and some trademark and technology licensing issues. Mr. Mohan holds a bachelor's in electrical engineering from Georgia Tech, and a JD from the University of Georgia School of Law.

John Mulgrew: John Mulgrew has a mechanical engineering degree from Rice and a JD from GW Law. He started his legal career at several prominent law firms in New York and Washington DC. At Microsoft, John led teams handling a wide variety of licensing, litigation support, and other IP transactional related matters, and for two years he also served in a broader role for Microsoft Research in EMEA where he drafted multi-party agreements with companies, universities, governments and research organizations. John joined Uber in 2017 to lead the IP team, including through the company's IPO in early 2019. Over time, his responsibilities also included leading the Privacy Legal team during GDPR compliance, helping to reorganize the legal



department to form multiple client-facing legal teams, and managing the marketing legal team. After leaving Uber, John joined Lenovo as Vice President of Intellectual Property where he focuses on developing a portfolio that best serves the business.

Elizabeth Lester: Elizabeth Lester is Assistant General Counsel of Intellectual Property at Equifax, where she oversees all intellectual property and related matters, including mergers and acquisitions, domain names, open source, software audits, and intellectual property terms in contracts. Elizabeth is actively involved in the intellectual property community, serving a two-year term as an atlarge member of the Intellectual Property Owners Association, is Vice chair of the Georgia Intellectual Property Alliance's Awareness & Education Pillar, and recently stepped down as Vice Chair and co-founder of the Atlanta ChIPs Chapter.



Charles Sanders: Charles Sanders, a first chair trial lawyer, represents high technology companies across venues, including federal district court, the International Trade Commission (ITC), the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), and the Federal Circuit. Mr. Sanders draws on deep technical knowledge and broad litigation and trial experience to represent clients in IP matters across a diverse range of technologies, such as semiconductors, electromechanical devices, medical technologies, and software. In addition to litigating disputes, Mr. Sanders leverages his experience with patent filings and developing patent portfolio strategy to



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Greg Gardella: Mr. Gardella has been honored as one of the Best Lawyers in America for multiple consecutive years and has received various awards and recognition from Managing IP Magazine, Intellectual Asset Management (IAM), Super Lawyers, and Who's Who Legal. Mr. Gardella successfully defended the famous TiVo DVR patent which generated well over one billion dollars in licensing revenue. Mr. Gardella also successfully defended, before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, four patents covering aseptic packaging technologies which are used to process about two billion bottles per year. On the challenger side, he



prevailed for St. Jude Medical in nine post-grant proceedings targeting numerous Medtronic patents which purportedly covered the billion-dollar denervation industry. In those cases, every challenged claim was finally adjudicated to be invalid on multiple grounds.

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Tim Russell: Tim Russell is a UK and European patent attorney on the chemical and life sciences team for Venner Shipley and has a background in chemistry and the pharmaceutical industry. Tim advises clients in the pharmaceutical sector, helping them develop their IP strategy and helping them achieve desired outcomes by combining his legal, scientific and commercial experience. He advises a wide range of client types both large and small, e.g. multinationals, start-ups, and universities, in the UK, Europe and internationally. Tim's work has evolved such that he is an expert on EPO oppositions and appeals as well as providing freedom-to-operate advice, enforcement advice, and litigation support. This experience helps him provide invaluable

advice to patent holders and 3rd parties involved in complex post-grant issues. Tim can also apply this knowledge of post-grant proceedings to help clients devise an effective patent filing

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Martin Koerber: Mr. Koerber received a Master's degree in physics and is a German and European Patent Attorney. He has more than 25 years of experience in IP. Initially drafting and prosecuting German and English language patent applications,

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