Call for Papers: WIPIP, Santa Clara University, Feb. 7-8, 2014

The High Tech Law Institute invites you to submit a paper proposal for the Eleventh Annual Works-in-Progress Intellectual Property Colloquium (WIPIP), to be held February 7-8, 2014, at Santa Clara University School of Law, Santa Clara, California. The colloquium provides intellectual property scholars with a forum to present their academic works-in-progress and receive early feedback from their colleagues. This is the first time WIPIP has come to the West Coast, and we’re thrilled to be hosting it. In addition to paper presentations, we have a great lineup of social programs, including a Silicon Valley site tour, an IP trivia night, karaoke night and IP-themed prizes. We hope to see you in Santa Clara!

Paper Submissions

You can request a speaking slot by emailing your contact information and affiliation, a title and short abstract (500 words or less, and preferably as a PDF attachment) to Prof. Eric Goldman, egoldman@gmail.com. Please put “WIPIP” in the email subject line. We also welcome non-presenting attendees on a space-available basis; just email your request and contact information to Prof. Goldman. The priority deadline for submissions and participation requests is November 1, 2013, but we will accept submissions/requests through January 9, 2014, noon California time, on a space-available basis. For submissions/requests before November 1, we anticipate sending notifications of acceptance by November 15.

Presenters are not required to submit paper drafts; but if you email a draft paper to Prof. Goldman by noon California time, January 9, 2014, we may allocate a longer speaking slot to you. Unfortunately, due to the complexity of organizing a large conference like this, we cannot extend this deadline. There is no paper publication requirement, but we will post the abstracts publicly, and we will post all submitted paper drafts to a password-protected site accessible to all attendees.

Draft Conference Schedule (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Friday morning: Silicon Valley site tour

Friday afternoon: lunch followed by paper presentations (we anticipate starting paper presentations around 1:00 or 1:30 pm but that may change)

Friday evening: dinner followed by Trivia Night

Saturday all day: paper presentations

Saturday evening: dinner followed by Karaoke Night
Travel Arrangements

There are no costs to attend WIPIP, but conference attendees are responsible for their travel costs. Please see http://law.scu.edu/hightech/2014-wipip-travel/ for travel details. The High Tech Law Institute will provide complimentary meals from Friday lunch through Saturday dinner and complimentary scheduled transportation from the conference hotel (the Fairmont San Jose) to the Friday site visit and to the programs on campus.

Social Programs

Site visit: on Friday morning, we will tour an interesting Silicon Valley destination. We will provide more details about the site visit later; for now, we encourage you to reserve the time when making your travel plans.

Trivia Night: After dinner on Friday, we will have an IP trivia competition. The details:

- Questions will involve all types of IP and cover both the past and present.
- Only teams can participate. Teams can have 3-5 members. One team member MUST be either a VAP/fellow or a professor who started full-time teaching in Fall 2011 or thereafter. To help with team formation, we have created a Facebook page where you can announce your desire to add a member or join a team. See https://www.facebook.com/wipip2014.
- Register your team and the team name by emailing Prof. Goldman no later than January 9, 2014, noon California time.
- There will be prizes for the winning team as well as the team with the most creative name.

Karaoke Night: After dinner on Saturday, we will have a karaoke competition followed by an open mic. Details about the karaoke competition:

- You can participate as an individual or in a group. You can use the Facebook page to discuss forming groups.
- Songs should be no longer than 5 minutes.
- Participants will be judged on song choice, performance and audience engagement.
- Register for the competition and identify your song by emailing Prof. Goldman no later than January 9, 2014, noon California time. We may need to resolve duplicate song choices or songs where the DJ doesn’t have a karaoke version. If we get more participation requests than we can handle, we will prioritize songs that were subject to an IP dispute.

Prizes! Prizes for Trivia Night and Karaoke Night winners will be artifacts from IP cases. In addition, all participants in the trivia and karaoke competitions will be entered into a drawing for the Grand Prize: a signed and framed limited edition print of the Three Stooges drawing by Gary Saderup.

As you can see, we’ll be having a lot of fun in Santa Clara. If you have any questions, email Prof. Goldman at egoldman@gmail.com.

Visit the colloquium page at http://wipip.org. For more information about the WIPIP series, see http://wipip.info. Track the Twitter conversation at #wipip.