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Loyola's IP Special Focus Series Examines Patent Prosecution

Los Angeles, Sept. 7, 2007 — Loyola Law School's IP Special Focus Series program "New Standards for Obviousness and Fraud on the PTO - The Practical Implications of *KSR* and *McKesson*" will explore the implications of recent decisions in landmark patent cases. A series of panels will assess changes in the practice of patent prosecution and the efficacy of patents issued by the US Patent & Trademark Office (PTO) in the wake of the Supreme Court decision in *KSR International v. Teleflex* and the Federal Circuit Court decision in *McKesson Information Solutions v. Bridge Medical*. The conference will be held from 11 am to 2:15 pm on Loyola's downtown LA campus.

The first half of the symposium will focus on US and foreign obviousness standards, including *KSR*-induced PTO practice changes and obviousness in the European Patent Office (EPO). John ("Jack") D. McConaghy, of the LA office of Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz LLP, will speak on *KSR*'s vision of obviousness, how that vision will change the PTO's standards in rejecting and allowing claims, and how patent practitioners can best deal with those standards. Alexander Schlee, of Schlee IP International, will speak on obviousness, or "lack of inventive step" in the EPO, and strategies for dealing with a lack of inventive step rejection in the EPO.

The second half of the program will be a panel discussion about the *McKesson* decision and its implications for patent prosecutors attempting to comply with Rule 56. Mark K. Dickson, of the San Francisco Office of Winston & Strawn LLP, and Jose L. Patiño, of the San Diego Office of Morrison & Foerster LLP, represented *McKesson* and *Bridge Medical* respectively. They will discuss the *McKesson* case itself. Stefan J. Kirchanski, Ph.D., from the Century City office of Venable LLP, is an adjunct associate professor at Southwestern Law School. He will discuss the impact of the *McKesson* case on patent prosecution.

Further details about the symposium are available at <http://events.lls.edu/ip-focus/07/prosecution>. Members of the media are invited to attend the symposium free of charge. Contact Brian Costello, deputy director of communications, at 213-736-1444 (desk) or 213-923-0609 (cell).

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