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PATENT BAR REVIEW COURSE

August 25, 26, 27, and 28, 1974

under the direction of

Professor Irving Kayton
The George Washington University

and

Walter L. Williamson
Western Electric Company

PRG's PATENT BAR COURSE

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"Dear Professor Kayton:

Just a note of thanks to you and your associates for nursing me through the Patent Office examination. As a "babe in the woods" . . . I especially appreciated the insights that made the difference between success and failure.

From my viewpoint, the claim drafting sessions were indispensable. Also except for your alerting us to the new form of the afternoon portion of the exam, we might have floundered on the details despite mystery of the substance.

Finally, in a personal vein, I for one found your forceful expressions of opinion stimulating and provocative. They gave both professional and comic relief to what would otherwise be unmitigated drudgery.

There is no charge for this endorsement. You may quote it freely with or without attribution. All the best for the Christmas holidays and the New Year.

Francis X. Bradley, Jr., American
Society for Engineering Education,
Dec. 19, 1973"

"Dear Professor Kayton:

I received notification that I made a passing grade on both the morning and afternoon sections of the Patent Bar Examination, given September 11, 1973. This result speaks well for your Patent Bar Course, which I took in August of this year. Prior to your course, I had no exposure to patent law except for a few random articles in newspapers and magazines, that I read occasionally. At least 99% of my success with the examination is therefore attributable to your course. Thank you for your help.

Hugh P. Nicholson, Huntsville, Alabama,
Dec. 10, 1973"

"Dear Professor Kayton:

Thank you.

The Committee on Enrollment notified me that I attained a passing grade (upon regrading) of the examination for registration to practice before the U.S. Patent Office, given on September 11, 1973.

This couldn't have been accomplished by me if it were not for the Patent Bar Review Course administered by the PATENT RESOURCES GROUP under your direction. Every bit of the expertise passed on to me was presented in a manner that held my interest throughout the entire session last August. Being such a novice, as I truly am, in the Patent Law art, failure in this exam would have been certain but for your course.

I will strive to be a credit to your group in all my work, and hope to have the privilege of further study of Patent Law under your direction if the opportunity arises.

Edward S. Sherman, Union Carbide
Corporation, Mar. 7, 1974"

"Dear Dr. Kayton:

I want to let you know that I was successful in my assault upon the Patent Bar Examination given this past summer. Inasmuch as I had little or no experience as a Patent Agent-Trainee prior to taking the exam, I feel your course was instrumental in pulling together the information I received at Southwestern University School of Law on the Substantive Law of Patents and Patent Procedure.

Booker T. Hogan, Jr., Hughes Aircraft
Company, Dec. 18, 1973"

As word of PRG students' successes on the Patent Bar has spread, more and more people over the years with less and less patent law background enroll in the PRG Review Course. In some ways this is unfortunate because the course is intended as a *review* and not as an "instant" training program in patent law. In fact, Professor Kayton has repeatedly urged people with little patent law training to take neither the course nor the exam.

It is, however, difficult to argue convincingly in the face of some of the notable successes such as represented in the excerpted letters above. Since, realistically, there is no way to prevent people with little or no training from taking this course for the purpose of making it *part* of their training (and then giving the exam a whirl with a nothing to lose approach), PRG now invites this participation. But there is one obligation which PRG imposes on the attendee—when filling out the course registration form tear sheet, please indicate by checking the proper space provided, if you have little or no experience in drafting *mechanical* claims. With this information the less experienced will be divided equally among the 20 to 25 claim drafting instruction groups so that each instructor will have adequate time to devote to all his students during that very important part of the training.

CLAIM DRAFTING

Direct on hands experience in claim drafting is an important feature of the course. During the claim drafting workshop on Monday the student gets *individual* supervision and instruction on claims he drafted the previous evening and which he will be drafting that morning. Most importantly, all the instructors and lecturers teach the same approach—there is never the case of the lecturer preaching one thing and the instructor directing another. Although *many* things in patent law may be done correctly in *many* ways, the lecturers and instructors have selected over a period of years an *optimum* correct way in each area for the purpose of easily and efficiently passing the Exam. Although alternatives are mentioned, the focus is on the optimum approach.

COURSE MATERIALS

Every item of instructional material which you will need to study for and pass the examination, including an up to date Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, will be given you by PRG prior to and during the course. You will need nothing other than what we provide. A volume of official questions and answers from all past Exams back to 1967 will be sent you by return mail on receipt of your course registration. More than two months before the course is given other basic course materials will be sent you to permit advance study and preparation. On the other hand, other sections of the materials are in areas of patent law which are in a continual state of change. The examinees are obliged to know what the law is currently—up to the cut-off date for applications to the Examination. Accordingly, those other materials will not be printed until after that cut-off date and will be given all course participants when they arrive at the course.

PATENT OFFICE EXAM SCHEDULE

When: The currently estimated time for the next Exam is the middle of September.

How: An application for permission to take the Exam must be filed with the Patent Office. Application blanks may be obtained from Mrs. M. E. Ford, Clerk of the Committee on Enrollment, U.S. Patent Office, Washington, D.C. 20231, and must be submitted well in advance of the Exam date. The cut-off date for submissions is set up by the Patent Office and may be learned from Mrs. Ford.

COURSE SCHEDULE AND CONTENT

Sunday, August 25

9:00—10:00

HOW TO TAKE, AND THE NATURE OF, THE PATENT EXAM

Professor Kayton

10:00 — 12:00

CLAIMS I. - DRAFTING, RULES AND WRITING

Reading patent drawings for the examination. Simplified procedure for examination. Rules, forms and format for claim drafting on the afternoon of the exam.

Professor Kayton

1:15 — 5:30

CLAIMS II. - RULES AND FORMS

Examples of machine claims and how to draft them. Continuation of rules, forms and format for claim drafting. Examples of method, manufacture and chemical claims and how to draft them. Rules and Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP Ch. 700), formal claim rejections. Overnight claim drafting assignments handed out.

Messrs. Williamson, Schwaab and Professor Kayton

7:00 — 8:00 P.M.

Practice **Group** claim drafting for generic and species processes.

Professor Kayton

Monday, August 26

8:30 — 12:00

CLAIMS III. - WORKSHOP AND CLINIC

Claim drafting workshop (homework to be handed in at 8:30 A.M.) with the staff giving individual review and instruction; additional claim drafting assignments.

Entire Staff

1:15 — 5:30

CLAIM CRITIQUE, AND PRINCIPLES OF PATENTABILITY

Technique for analyzing and criticizing examples of drafted claims that are improperly drawn. How to write an amendment and remarks responsive to a Patent Office action. Analysis of the legal requirements for parts of the patent application (MPEP Ch. 600). Lectures on statutory governmental fees, and novelty and non-obviousness, Sections 101-104 of the Patent Statute.

Messrs. Williamson, Schwaab and Professor Kayton

Tuesday, August 27

8:30 — 12:00

NOVELTY (§102) CONTINUED AND FORMAL PROSECUTION RULES

Secrecy and access; types and status of application; ownership and assignment; representation of inventor or owner (MPEP Ch. 100-500). Foreign priority under §119. Ethics and inequitable practices in prosecution before the Patent Office.

Mr. Conlin and Professor Kayton

1:15 — 5:30

SPECIAL PROSECUTION PROBLEMS

Restriction and double patenting; continuing applications and affidavit practice (MPEP Ch. 800).

Mr. Davis and Mr. Dunner

Wednesday, August 28

8:30 — 12:00

INTERFERENCE PROCEDURE AND PRACTICE

Interference practice from A to Z with detailed flow charts and text showing every step and alternative of the procedure from inception through motion period, testimony and final hearing.

Mr. Dunner

1:15 — 5:30

PROSECUTION AND POST PROSECUTION

Prior art, appeals, allowance and issue; correction of patents; design patents; plant patents (MPEP Ch. 900-1700).

Mr. Davis

COURSE REGISTRATION

MAIL TO: Patent Resources Group, Inc., Suite 800, 2011 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006

Please pre-register me for the Patent Exam Review Course. I have enclosed my check, payable to Patent Resources Group, Inc., in the amount of \$265. I have had little or no experience in drafting mechanical claims. True; False. (Please check correct box.)

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(NOTE: For multiple registrations, please copy registration tear sheet on office copier.)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration: Based on our past experience, a heavy registration for the course is anticipated. To ensure effective service for the attendees, therefore, only pre-registrations by mail can be accepted; there will be no registration at the door. Registrations will be accepted in the order of receipt and are limited by the capacity of available facilities.

Fee: Fee for the course, including all the extensive specially prepared materials, books, The Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, rules, statutes and charts, is \$265.00. Registrations may be cancelled with full refund up to the day of the course provided notice is given and advance course materials are returned unmarked and in usable condition.

Veterans Benefits: The Patent Bar Review Course is approved for Veterans benefits.

Hotel Accommodations: The course hotel is the Washington Hilton, one of the new and most finely appointed hotels in Washington, D.C., with outstanding facilities for conferences and courses. For those needing physical diversion after long hours of study, an outdoor swimming pool and three tennis courts are featured on the premises.

Requests for room reservations should be made directly to the hotel at 1919 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20009, phone (202) 483-3000 using the forms which will be provided upon registration for the course. Reservation requests must be received at the hotel no later than three weeks prior to the first day of the course. Use of the form or indicating your connection with Patent Resources Group will ensure your getting one of our reserved block of rooms at a preferred rate (which includes free parking).

Mail and Messages: Registrants should arrange to have all mail and phone messages directed to their hotel rooms or local offices. There are no facilities for delivering messages to the registrants during the course sessions.

Further Information: If additional information is desired please write: **Patent Resources Group, Inc., 2011 Eye Street, N.W.—Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20006**, or call the course director, Professor Irving Kayton, at (202) 676-7206.

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