



# SDIPLA News

## April 19, 2005 SDIPLA Lunch (MCLE 1hr)

### *“Hot Issues at the USPTO”*

By **NICHOLAS P. GODICI**

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#### Special points of interest:

- SDIPLA will host a dinner meeting on May 26, 2005 featuring a panel discussion on current IP issues with the Honorable Rudi M. Brewster (S.D. Cal.) and the Honorable James Ware (N.D. Cal.), which will include a discussion on claim construction procedures. Don't miss this lively discussion where audience participation is strongly encouraged by the judges for the question and answer session that will follow. Please start thinking of everything you've always wanted to ask a judge but were afraid to say in court!
- Sign-up sheets to be a Mentor for the new SDIPLA Mentor Program will be available at the meeting and on-line ([www.sdipla.com](http://www.sdipla.com)).

Nicholas P. Godici will be giving his perspective on the USPTO plans to address backlogs, expand electronic government, improve examination quality, implement changes to practice and procedures, and deal with international harmonization.

Mr. Godici recently started at Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP after serving for five years as the Commissioner for Patents and as the Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). As Commissioner, Mr. Godici was responsible for all aspects of the patent granting process for the United States and managed over 5000 employees and an annual budget of over \$700 million. He was appointed to the position in 2000, before joining BSKB in 2005.

Mr. Godici has over 30 years experience in intellectual property rights protection, including over 20 years of organizational management and leadership experience at the United States Patent and Trademark Office. He has represented the United States in a number of international negotiations involving intellectual property issues and agreements with other countries. He has also testified before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and

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#### APRIL LUNCH MEETING:

### *“Hot Issues at the USPTO”*

#### Date/Time/Location:

April 19, 2005  
 11:45 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
 San Diego Marriott Del Mar  
 11966 El Camino Real  
 Del Mar, California

#### Notes:

This meeting is at the Del Mar Marriot.  
 This is a **lunch** meeting.  
 Speaker: Nicholas P. Godici

#### Directions:

I-5 to Del Mar Heights Road;  
 Turn right on Del Mar Heights Road;  
 Turn right on High Bluff Drive;  
 Make a right on El Camino Real  
 Stop at 11966 El Camino Real

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**April 19, 2005 Lunch (MCLE 1hr)**

***“Hot Issues at the USPTO”***

**Speaker:**  
**Nicholas P. Godici**

Intellectual Property on a variety of intellectual property issues such as business methods patents and USPTO operations. He served as Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Acting Director of the USPTO from January to December 2001.

**Education**

- Pennsylvania State University  
B.S., Engineering Mechanics, 1972.
- The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University  
Certificate of Advanced Public Management, 1999.

**Professional Affiliations And Awards**

- Elected fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) 2001.
- Outstanding Engineering Alumni, Pennsylvania State University, 2002
- Member of the Industrial and Professional Advisory Committee for the College of Engineering at Pennsylvania State University, 2001-2003.
- Named “one of the most important people in intellectual property” by Legal Times Magazine in 2001.
- Awarded a bronze and two silver medals from the United States Department of Commerce.

**Publications**

- “Supporting a Knowledge Based Economy” Software Patents, Managing Intellectual Property Magazine, Innovation and Invention Focus 2004.

**ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS**

If you are interested in applying for membership, please fill out the form located at:

[http://www.sdipla.com/SDIPLA\\_New\\_Member\\_Application2004\\_2005.doc](http://www.sdipla.com/SDIPLA_New_Member_Application2004_2005.doc)  
and mail in the form with your membership dues to Tom Coverstone.

## Reservation Form for April 19, 2005 Meeting

### *“Hot Issues at the USPTO”*

By NICHOLAS P. GODICI

Tuesday  
April 19, 2005

San Diego Marriott Del Mar  
11966 El Camino Real, Del Mar

Registration starts at 11:45 a.m.  
Lunch starts at 12:00 p.m.  
Presentation starts at 12:15 p.m.

#### The Menu

#### Comida Mexicana Buffet including:

Smoked Chicken & Black Bean Soup

Create Your Own Fajitas

Smokey Chipotle Caesar Salad

Mixed Greens w/ Tomatoes, Olives, Roasted Corn,  
Cucumbers, Red & Green Peppers, & Tortilla  
Crisps (Red Wine Vinaigrette)

Crispy Tortilla Chips with Fresh Salsa &

Guacamole

Four Cheese Enchilada w/Red Chili Sauce

Refried Beans & Spanish Rice

Freshly Brewed Coffee & Select Herbal Teas

Due to the large number of attendees expected at this event, the SDIPLA is again requesting **Pre-Registration and Pre-Payment.**

To reserve your place, please fill out the below registration, indicate your meal choice, and send it **WITH YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO ‘SDIPLA’** to:

Thomas E. Coverstone  
SDIPLA Secretary  
c/o Jeanette Olivera  
12730 High Bluff Dr., Suite 400  
San Diego, CA 92130  
(858) 336-8620  
Fax: (858) 350-6111  
patpend@sbcglobal.net

Please include Jeanette Olivera  
(jolivera@townsend.com) on all e-mail  
reservations.

**Please fill out a separate form  
for each attendee.**

## REMINDERS

- Please mail, fax, or e-mail your reservation to Thomas Coverstone at the address, fax, or e-mail address indicated for receipt **no later than noon on Thursday, April 14, 2005.**
- The reservation deadline is dictated by the hotel and not by the SDIPLA.
- This program has been approved for MCLE credit by the State Bar of California in the amount of one (1.0) unit.

### NOTE MEAL PRICES

**\$40.00 SDIPLA Member**

**\$45.00 Non-Member**

## Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm/Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of SDIPLA? (circle one) YES NO

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS 12:00 NOON, APRIL 14, 2005

# Paul Hastings

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- Chemistry
- Electrical Engineering (*Ph.D. or Masters Preferred*)

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PAUL, HASTINGS, JANOFSKY & WALKER LLP  
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San Diego, CA 92130  
or  
Via email at [lisapatterson@paulhastings.com](mailto:lisapatterson@paulhastings.com)

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## Applications for SDIPLA Membership

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Date	Event	Speaker/Topic
April 19, 2005	SDIPLA lunch meeting	Nicholas P. Godici, Executive Advisor at Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP on Hot Issues at the USPTO.
May 26, 2005	SDIPLA meeting	Judge's Panel Discussion (topic to be determined)