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Harrie Samaras Spoke at the Annual Meeting of the IPL Section of the ABA

West Chester, Pa. – On April 9, 2010 Harrie Samaras spoke on a program at the Annual Meeting of the Intellectual Property Section of the ABA in Washington, D.C. entitled “*Getting Out of the Hot Seat: Mediation and Other Mechanisms for Early Termination of Section 337 Investigations.*”

Harrie joined on the program the Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission, Shara L. Aranoff, Chief Administrative Law Judge Paul J. Luckern, and Administrative Law Judge Charles E. Bullock. The panel discussed the ITC’s Pilot Mediation Program and other early termination mechanisms in Section 337 investigations. Harrie serves as a mediator for the ITC’s pilot program.

The ITC provides an alternate and unique forum for owners of U.S. intellectual property rights seeking to enforce those rights against infringing imports. The panel discussed the various means available at the ITC for settling investigations pending before it including how to make the most of the ITC’s mediation program. Some of the topics Harrie addressed were: (1) factors mediators consider important in helping parties settle; (2) aspects of ITC practice that might potentially affect mediated settlements; and (3) suggestions for how the ITC can achieve its goals for the mediation program.

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