The America Invents Act and Pro Bono Patent Prosecution

1:00-2:00 PM, Thursday April 8, 2014

Location: Thompson Courtroom, UMKC School of Law

Credit: MO CLE - 1.2/ KS CLE – 1.0

Fees: Open to the public at no charge

Description: This presentation will provide details on the role of the USPTO and local IP law associations in creating pro bono programs to assist “financially under resourced inventors and small businesses.” The program will give the history of the Minnesota pilot pro bono program, the development of additional programs and the current status of the effort to cover all areas of the US. A brief description of the AIA pro bono Advisory Council and its relationship to the nationwide rollout as well as the recent White House Executive Action for pro bono will included. There will also be a discussion about how local programs can be formed and how some of the issues challenging the formation of local/regional pro bono programs can be answered.

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