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## MIPLG<sup>®</sup> Update

2008 has been a very busy year at MIPLG. So much so that a Newsletter has not been published for quite some time. Since the last Newsletter, we added new employees (see **New Faces** below), continued to grow our New Delhi Office and worked our way through a recession that has left many competing law firms either merged into larger competitors or bankrupt – the Scylla and Charybdis of law firm management.

MIPLG celebrated its third anniversary in July 2008. Soon after the anniversary, we hired 2 additional attorneys which filled nearly all the offices in the space we moved to in August of 2007. With a recession in full swing, we probably will not be filling the remaining offices until mid-year 2009.

MIPLG-Europe was closed in late 2008. F. Brad Salcedo, manager of the office, decided to move to the US and take a position as in house counsel with a US company. Although we maintain our relationships with various agents in Europe that supported our Euro-office, our physical presence in Europe has ended.

Also, MIPLG-Asia (in New Delhi) has rapidly grown to 3 employees and a manager. Through 2008, we have expanded the number of clients that request patent applications be prepared in India. The work quality and turnaround time is no different than applications drafted by our US attorneys. The client receives this quality work product at 40% discount to what other law firms would charge for the work. This huge savings is attractive to many companies – especially during a recession. In 2009, we will be expanding our marketing of our off-shore drafting capability. A comparative study of the various forms of off-shoring is available at [offshoring@moseriplaw.com](mailto:offshoring@moseriplaw.com).

Now we head into 2009, the saga continues . . .

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## Training Sessions

In response to requests from our employees for more structured training sessions, Thursday will be training day. Every Thursday at 2 pm we will have a training session. These sessions are open to any employee that wants to sit in on the session. In these sessions we will cover a wide variety of topics from MIPLG Policies and Procedures to the latest in legal decisions from the Federal Circuit and everything in between. The MIPLG Intranet site will have details of each upcoming session.

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## MIPLG Client Wins in ITC

In 2008, six patents related to GPS technology that were prepared and prosecuted by attorneys at MIPLG® were involved in an action before the International Trade Commission (ITC). The ITC judge ruled last week that **all six** patents were valid, enforceable and infringed by a competitor of our client. This is an unprecedented result, where an entire group of patents, in total, is found to be valid, enforceable and infringed. Such an ITC decision validates the drafting and prosecution techniques instilled in each and every practitioner that prepares and prosecutes applications at MIPLG.

Our client's press release regarding the outcome of the ITC action can be found at:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=conewsstory&refer=conews&tkr=BRCM%3AUS&sid=aHjvcAUmUhu4>

## Basie Awards

In 2008, MIPLG once again sponsored the Basie Awards – honoring excellence in area High School theatre productions. Joe Piscopo was the host. Bob Brush and Ray Moser presented some of the awards to the winning students – don't they look entertaining.



## New Faces

Since our last Newsletter, MIPLG has hired an Of Counsel Attorney, two Associates, an IP Secretary, a Patent Engineer and a receptionist.

**Arthur Jackson** joined MIPLG as an Of Counsel attorney. He has many years of experience as a patent attorney supplying legal guidance to clients having inventions related to biotech, chemical

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and medical technologies. Art prepares and prosecutes patent applications as well as provides legal studies, analysis and opinions for various MIPLG clients.

**Sherry Bergmann** comes to MIPLG from the telecommunications industry. Sherry has electrical engineering degrees from Rutgers University and from Virginia Polytechnic. She is a patent engineer providing patent prosecution and preparation for MIPLG clients involved in solar energy, telecommunications, and software technologies.

**James Carroll** has joined MIPLG as an Associate Attorney. Jim has a Computer Science degree from Wake Forest and a law degree from Rutgers School of Law. Jim currently assists MIPLG clients in the area of software and computer related technology.

**Robert Catello** is an also Associate Attorney that joined MIPLG during the summer. Rob has a Ceramics Engineering degree from Rutgers University and a law degree from Seton Hall. Currently, Rob primarily assists with legal matters involving semiconductor-processing equipment.

**Pat Hoeler** comes to MIPLG as an experienced patent secretary having worked as a patent secretary and administrator for Sarnoff Corporation. She is currently supporting Art Jackson.

**Erica Monsen** joined MIPLG as a receptionist and is a graduate of The Stuart School in Wall, NJ. She has begun to provide general office administrative support to our office staff.

We welcome all of you to MIPLG!!!

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## New Fun

In August, MIPLG took an afternoon to have a day at the races. Employees, their families and friends went to Monmouth Park Race Track to watch the horse races (and gamble a bit). We had a private area for a catered barbeque. Everyone went home a winner – not really, unless you assign a high value to having fun.

In December, our holiday party was organized as a classic “office party.” The party was well attended by employees, their families and friends. Special thanks go to all those that helped decorate and organize the party festivities.

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## Recruiting

At present, we are not actively looking for additional practitioners or office staff. However, we are collecting resumes and contact information that will be used to recruit new employees as the recession wanes. At that time, we will need experienced patent secretaries as well as attorneys, agents, and engineers. We are hopeful that mid-year will bring new hiring.