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MIPLG[®] Update

The last few months was an action packed time for MIPLG. So much so that a Newsletter has not been published for quite some time. Thus, the name has changed from MIPLG Quarterly to MIPLG Newsletter. Since the last Newsletter, we added new employees (see **New Faces** below), completed the build-out of our new office space (photos below), opened a European Office, opened a California Office, opened a New Delhi Office and had MIPLG member, John Maldjian, resign. Phheewwww, its been busy.

MIPLG-Europe opened for business on July 1, 2007 – exactly two years to the day of the founding of MIPLG. Our European office, located near Zurich, Switzerland, is managed by F. Brad Salcedo. Brad, a US patent attorney, brings to MIPLG an in-depth knowledge of healthcare technology including biotechnology, medical devices and pharmaceuticals. Over the next year, we will be expanding MIPLG-Europe to allow MIPLG to prepare, file and prosecute patent applications in Europe, i.e., become our own European agent for interaction with the EPO.

Also, MIPLG-Asia (in New Delhi) opened for business in September. The office is managed by Praveer Gupta, an experienced patent engineer. Praveer leads our team of patent engineers that prepare and prosecute patent applications for a number of our clients.

Back in the US, MIPLG opened an office in California, in downtown San Jose. The California Office is staffed by Nick Petredis, an attorney licensed in NJ, PA and CA. Nick brings extensive experience in commercial law. Thus, the services MIPLG now offers has expanded to include: business formation; sale and purchase of businesses; succession planning, private equity investment; partnerships; commercial contracts; employment law; commercial and residential property and land use.

The new office space in Shrewsbury has been completed. We have moved into our new home at 1030 Broad Street. It's nice to have everyone under one roof again as well as have a kitchen, multiple conference rooms, and storage space. We'll celebrate our move with an open house on December 12, 2007, from 4-8pm.

John Maldjian, a founding member of MIPLG, has decided to open his own practice with a prior associate of MIPLG, Jon Fallon. They formed Maldjian & Fallon and opened their doors in Red Bank on about June 1. Everyone at MIPLG wishes them well.

MIPLG has been registered with the US Trademark Office. As such, we now own two trademarks: MIPLG[®] and Virtual In-House IP Counsel[®].

New Faces

Since our last Newsletter, MIPLG has hired two Of Counsel Attorneys, an Associate, an IP Secretary, two Patent Engineers and an Office Assistant.

F. Brad Salcedo comes to us from Gosz and Partners. He is working as an Of Counsel Attorney for MIPLG and has more than fifteen years experience as an IP Attorney. Brad's expertise is in healthcare technology, including medical devices, biotechnology and pharmaceuticals. In addition to practicing IP law, Brad will manage our European operations.

Nicholas Petredis has joined MIPLG as an Of Counsel Attorney. Nick has been practicing commercial law since 1986. Nick will provide commercial law-related legal services to our small and medium sized high tech clients as well as manage the West Coast Office.

Rohan Gupta is an Associate Attorney with over two years experience as an IP Attorney. Rohan has a Computer Science degree and primarily assists with legal matters involving computer-related technology. He also has taken a leadership role in assisting our MIPLG-Asia patent engineers.

Mirela Negoita comes to MIPLG as a Patent Engineer. She has her Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and prepares and prosecutes patent applications for MIPLG clients. She is currently studying for the patent agent's exam.

Richard Russo recently joined MIPLG upon graduating with a PhD. from University of Pennsylvania in Materials Science and Engineering. He also has a degree in chemistry and another in chemical engineering. He is preparing and prosecuting patent applications for our clients having semiconductor related technologies.

Sharon Lobosco comes to us as an IP Secretary from Lucent Technologies. She has more than twenty years experience as an IP secretary. She is supporting Alan Taboada and Rich Russo.

Melanie Falanga has joined MIPLG as an Office Assistant. She is providing filing, copying and general office support to anyone that asks for help.

We welcome all of you to MIPLG!!!

We'll have an update on the new hires in MIPLG's Asian office in the next Newsletter.

New Fun

Unfortunately, we have had so much work to do; we have not taken a break to have any fun. As on-going fun, we continue our wine tasting at 4:30 PM on Friday afternoons and have organized a couple of off-site happy hour gatherings.

However, to celebrate our move, we will be organizing an open house to be held December 12 from 4-8pm. Watch your mailbox for an invitation.

MIPLG - Healthcare

In appreciation for all the hard work our employees have put into our growth, MIPLG has decided to, in addition to paying the entire premium for your family care, we will also pay, in advance, the firm's contribution to your Health Savings Account (HSA) on a quarterly basis. By now, your HSA should have received a payment of the full yearly contribution for 2007 from MIPLG. In the past, the firm's contribution to the HSA has been made at every pay period. Going forward we will make payment at the beginning of each quarter.

MIPLG - Closing for the Holidays!!!

To provide time to relax and spend time with our families during the Holidays, MIPLG will close the week between Christmas and New Year's – **WITH PAY**. As such, we will close from December 24 through January 1 and reopen on January 2, 2008.

Recruiting

As always, we need experienced patent secretaries as well as attorneys, agents, and engineers. These practitioners may work in any of our offices around the globe. We are also looking for a Receptionist for our East Coast Office.

Photos of our new space

Although we still need to design a lobby, the space is looking very nice. Here are some construction photos and the finished product.

