



# APAA – SINGAPORE GROUP & AMERICAN IP LAW ASSOCIATION (AIPLA) JOINT SEMINAR 2025

The Asian Patent Attorneys Association (“APAA”) - Singapore Group is pleased to welcome speakers from the American IP Law Association (AIPLA), to a joint seminar that will cover case law and litigation updates on US patents, strategies for responding to US patent applications for Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) inventions, and updates on Standard Essential Patents. Speakers from the APAA Singapore Group will also weigh in on the various topics and provide a Singapore perspective on the same.

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## VENUE

Date: Friday, 25 April 2025  
 Time: 9.00 am to 12.15 pm (Singapore Time), with lunch thereafter  
 Venue: OGBC Event Hall at 20 Cecil Street #04-07 Plus, Singapore 049705

## SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME

Time	US Topic	US Speaker	SG Topic	SG Speaker
9:00am	Registration & coffee / tea  Opening remarks / Introductions	Sal Anastasi		
9.30 am onwards	Case law and litigation updates: US patents	William “Skip” Fisher	SG patent system overview / validity and infringement / revocation / developments & updates.	Jevon Louis & Foo Maw Jun
	Strategies for responding to US patent office actions	Sal Anastasi	Strategies for responding to IPOS patent office action replies – CII / AI inventions	Michael Mclaughlin
	AI Update and Hot Topics	Bill Cooper		
	FRAND / SEP Dispute Update	William “Skip” Fisher	Standard Essential Patents updates	Lam Chung Nian
	Electric Vehicle Patent Trends (US perspective)	Divyendu Verma / Thomas Treutler		
12:00pm	Q & A (Moderator – Jason Chan)			
12:15pm	Lunch			

## **CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION**

The closing date for registration is **12 noon on Friday, 11 April 2025**. If you wish to register for the Seminar, please do so through this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BKqmo4cKrKRvrrDnyUikMf-CFeX-TuVx-CjF-pBMn0o/edit>

For enquiries, please email to [events@apaa.org.sg](mailto:events@apaa.org.sg). Please note the terms and conditions set out below.

## **SPEAKERS' PROFILES**

### **AIPLA**

#### **Sal Anastasi**

**President Elect of AIPLA; Partner Barley Snyder (Malvern, Pennsylvania)**

Sal Anastasi is a patent attorney and chairs the firm's [Intellectual Property Practice Group](#). He counsels clients on all aspects of intellectual property, including domestic and international patent preparation and prosecution and intellectual property litigation. He prepares and prosecutes U.S. and international patent applications in the electrical and electromechanical arts including communication systems, control systems, optics, software, business methods and Internet-related technologies, and also prepares and prosecutes trademark applications. Sal litigates intellectual property matters and prepares licensing agreements, patentability, trademark, validity and infringement opinions.



Sal works with clients ranging in size from small family businesses to large, multi-national companies, in a wide variety of industries, including the automotive, electronics, communications, medical device, fiber optics, software, agriculture, machinery, manufacturing and tool industries, among others.

Prior to joining Barley Snyder, Sal was a patent attorney with The Whitaker Corporation/AMP and Tyco Electronics. In addition to his legal experience, Sal's professional experience includes work as a practicing engineer in the electrical and electromechanical fields.

#### **Thomas Treutler,**

**AIPLA Asia Pacific Chair, Senior Consultant, East IP (Hong Kong)**

Tom has spent over 25 years of his career working in Asia with international and regional law firms and is working with East IP in supporting its work with foreign clients in China as well as helping Chinese clients in navigating IP registration and enforcement matters worldwide.

Tom currently serves as Chair of the Asia Pacific Committee of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) and is a member of the Board of Directors of the International Trademark Association (INTA).



Tom has spent most of his career counseling clients on registering and enforcing IP rights in Asia, and, in particular, in Vietnam, where until 2024, he led the Vietnam offices of one of the largest law firms in Vietnam. Tom is a USPTO registered patent attorney, and practiced patent law earlier in his career in Silicon Valley and Los Angeles, where he focused on technology in the computer and electronics sectors. Tom is a member of the State Bar of California.

Tom was selected as Client Choice Honorable Mention for Lawyer of Year in Vietnam for 2023 by Asialaw, and over the last 15 years has consistently been named a leading practitioner in IP law in Vietnam by publications such as Chambers, Legal500, Managing Intellectual Property, and WTR / IAM Patent.

Tom was also named as one of “30 Shining Role Models in the Judicial Field” by the Vietnamese Minister of Justice in 2016. Tom graduated magna cum laude from the Indiana University – Bloomington Mauer School of Law, and holds a BSE in Computer Engineering from the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor. Tom is fluent in Vietnamese.

**Sang Yoon Kang**

**AIPLA Asia Pacific Committee Vice-Chair , Partner, Studebaker & Brackett (Washington DC)**

Sang’s practice focuses on the preparation and prosecution of patent applications for U.S. and non-U.S. clients in the field of electrical engineering. Sang has over 10 years of experience at Korean and U.S. patent law firms, where he counseled multinational companies on their IP portfolio and patent strategy.

He also has deep technical expertise in various areas of electrical/computer engineering, such as smart multimedia systems, wireless/cellular mobile communications including 4G LTE/3GPP wireless communications, signal processing, image processing, computer engineering, radio frequency, user interfaces, augmented reality, digital and analog circuitry, automotive systems, semiconductors, semiconductor devices and their fabrication, and construction machinery.

Sang graduated with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Korea University, and earned his J.D. from American University Washington College of Law. Sang is serving as Vice-Chair of the AIPLA Asia Pacific Committee and is also a member of the Korea Patent Attorney Association. He is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia, and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office.



**Divyendu Verma**

**AIPLA India Subcommittee Chair, AIPLA AI Task Force Member, Partner, DuxLegis Law Firm (Mumbai and Dubai)**

Mr. Verma is an Advocate and registered Patent & Trademark Attorney in INDIA. In over 16+ years of experience, Mr. Verma has amassed vast experience in IP strategic advisory, patent drafting, prosecution and litigation.

Mr. Verma has handled and managed large IP projects for multiple national and international clients involving framing IP strategy and IP implementation framework, assisting clients to build their IP portfolio. Specifically, in High Tech industry, he has handled a variety of issues including protection of software patents in India. He has advised on issues related to SEPs, technology standards and indemnification for Patent/IP-Infringement.

Mr. Verma also has rich experience in technology deployment involving implementation of telecom and IT infrastructure, and software development. Mr. Verma appears regularly before various Indian Patent Offices and before IPAB (now High Courts) in hearing matters of Patents and Trade Marks. Presently, practicing IP litigation in Bombay High Court, other lower courts and High Court of Delhi.



**Han-Mei Tso**

**AIPLA Taiwan Subcommittee Chair, Partner, Osha Bergman, Watanabe & Burton (Houston, Texas)**

Han-Mei Tso's practice focuses on patent litigation, intellectual property licensing and portfolio management, trademark registration, and patent prosecution strategic counseling. Ms. Tso provides legal advice on patent litigation and prosecution matters involving a wide range of technologies including mobile devices, solar cells, semiconductors, medical devices, and consumer electronics.

Ms. Tso has extensive experience in various aspects of patent infringement litigation and provides legal advice on U.S. patent litigation as well as ITC investigations for clients based in China and Taiwan. Ms. Tso has prepared complaints, answers, motions, discovery requests, responses to discovery, and participated in depositions, settlement negotiations, as well as trial in patent infringement and commercial litigations.

In the area of intellectual property counseling, Ms. Tso has developed comprehensive global intellectual property strategies for international clients for patent procurement, trademark registration, and trade secret protection with a broad view of clients' businesses and technologies.

Previously Ms. Tso worked as an associate at a prestigious Taiwan law firm, where her practice primarily focused on commercial litigation as well as business transactions. Ms. Tso frequently served as an outside counsel for major Taiwanese companies. She has significant experience in working with corporate in-house legal teams to provide legal services on matters relating to license agreements, contract negotiations, and intellectual property investment and management. Prior to practicing in the U.S., Ms. Tso was Deputy General Counsel of a Taiwanese public company where she advised on corporate law, securities regulation, and corporate governance matters.



**Wongrat Ratanaprayul**

**AIPLA Southeast Asia Subcommittee Chair, Partner, Tilleke & Gibbins (Bangkok and Jakarta)**

Wongrat Ratanaprayul is a partner and director of Tilleke & Gibbins' Indonesia operations, based in Jakarta. She is recognized as a leading practitioner in Indonesia by IAM Patent 1000 and WTR 1000, and in 2023 she was named to Managing Intellectual Property's list of the Top 250 Women in IP globally. She advises clients on all aspects of IP prosecution in Indonesia, as well as in multiple jurisdictions throughout Southeast Asia, to ensure efficient and effective IP portfolio management. Wongrat's practice benefits from her exceptional breadth of expertise and her international reach.



Wongrat is a particularly adept patent practitioner, and is much sought-after in highly technical fields including biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, automotive, electronics, and computer-related technology. She regularly interviews inventors to derive information pertinent to drafting patent applications in life sciences and consumer products; provides opinions on freedom-to-operate analyses; routinely conducts patent and design searches; and provides clients with clear and practical patent portfolio management strategies to protect their interests.

Wongrat also oversees the firm's regulatory affairs practice in Indonesia, serving clients in pharmaceuticals, food, cosmetics, and related industries with respect to product registration and compliance. In addition, she supervises the preparation of trademark applications, registrations, and renewals, and coordinates enforcement strategies to protect brand owners' interests.

Prior to attending law school, Wongrat worked at Keck Graduate Institute, where she focused her research on proteomics. During her graduate study in biotechnology, she specialized in bioinformatics and annotated mouse genes present on pancreas cDNA. Before moving to head up the firm's Indonesia office, Wongrat worked as an attorney-at-law in the firm's head office in Bangkok for several years. Wongrat is admitted to the bar in Connecticut and Massachusetts and is qualified as a Thai patent agent.

**William “Skip” Fisher (Seattle and Washington DC)**  
**Partner, Potomac Law , Former Chair of AIPLA Far East Committee**

William “Skip” Fisher is a Partner in the firm’s Intellectual Property, Litigation, and Technology and IP Transactions practices where he focuses on strategic counselling, high-stakes litigation, and complex licensing in all areas of intellectual property, with a particular emphasis on patents and trade secrets and a niche practice in Chinese intellectual property law, practice, and procedure.



Mr. Fisher works closely with large and small companies to establish and implement strategies for procuring, protecting, commercializing, and enforcing their patent, trade secret, and other IP rights in the U.S., China, and globally. Having spent the past 20 years practicing both U.S. and Chinese IP law, with 12 years based in China, he has the unique ability to explain Chinese IP laws, practices, and procedures to U.S. and other Western clients in a way they can easily understand and likewise to explain U.S. IP laws, practices, and procedures to Chinese clients. Because of this, he is often called on by clients to act as a strategic advisor on IP matters involving one or both jurisdictions. An accomplished and well-respected attorney with over 20 years of experience, Mr. Fisher has been recognized for his IP expertise by leading legal directories, including Chambers and Legal 500.

Mr. Fisher represents companies in a broad spectrum of IP matters, including IP and business counseling, IP portfolio management, IP and corporate due diligence, licensing and technology transfer, commercial contracts and business transactions, and patent and other IP-related litigation and dispute resolution. Mr. Fisher has experience in a variety of industries, including computer hardware and software, computer networks, mobile devices and applications, telecommunications, Internet and e-commerce, pharmaceutical, biotechnology, chemical, medical devices, mechanical and industrial products, aerospace, automotive and manufacturing.

**Bill Cooper**  
**Founder, Cooper Legal Group (Hinckley, Ohio)**

William Cooper is a Patent Attorney, and is admitted to practice in Ohio and the District of Columbia as well as before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. Bill is also a member of the American Bar Association, the American Intellectual Property Law Association, the Ohio State Bar Association, and the Cleveland Intellectual Property Law Association. Bill has experience drafting and prosecuting patent applications in many technical areas, including, inter alia, computer hardware and software, search, internet, business methods, semiconductor processing, medical imaging, communications, signal processing, circuitry, logic, lasers, ion implantation, automotive safety, and mechanical and electro-mechanical technologies.



Bill received his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering, cum laude, in 1992 from Ohio University, where he was a member of Tau Beta Pi and Eta Kappa Nu. He also received a Master of Business Administration degree from Ohio University in 1994. Bill went on to receive his Juris Doctor, as well as a Master of Taxation, in 1997 from the University of Akron. Recently he was selected as a [Rising Star by Super Lawyers for 2015](#).

## **Tayan Patel**

**Partner, BakerHostetler (Washington DC and New York City)**

Tayan is co-leader of BakerHostetler's IP Technology team. His practice focuses on IP-centric transactions and portfolio counseling involving auditing, patent development, monetization and risk management strategies in multiple industries touching emerging-tech, high-tech and the life sciences. With more than 20 years of significant technical and legal experience, Tayan is uniquely qualified not only to deliver results clients expect but also develop and execute strategies they may not have known were even possible. From mature technology start-ups to Fortune 50 companies servicing both private and government demands, Tayan employs a holistic approach to understand key stakeholders' objectives and provide practical business advice. He then leads teams of attorneys to execute the strategic vision.



According to IAM Research, Tayan is considered as "'the go-to attorney for U.S. patent filings,' citing his 'prompt service and excellent advice.' He has a rich mix of prosecution, transactions, counselling and litigation experience and is a former USPTO examiner – all of which give him a deep strategic playbook to draw on."

Tayan's transactional and litigation experience spans a vast array of industries and technologies, including aerospace and defense, wireless and optical communications, computer software/AI, consumer electronics and IoT, AR/VR, semiconductors and nanotechnologies, data analytics, fintech, health-tech, crypto/NFTs, heavy machinery, chemical/material formulations, medical devices and life sciences. As a trusted business counselor, Tayan proactively secures opportunities for prospective investors, collaborators and license/sale candidates; performs IP-centric valuations and comprehensive due diligence related to corporate transactions; and negotiates complementary IP, technology, data rights and commercial agreements.

As a former patent examiner, Tayan is skilled at helping clients navigate cases through the USPTO's complex ecosystem. His ability to quickly understand difficult issues and thoughtfully communicate arguments to examiners and judges helps minimize the cost and time spent procuring rights, as well as preserving broad claim scope post-issuance to deter competitive encroachment. As needed, Tayan and his team offer strategic counseling on post-issuance options such as reissue, reexamination and supplemental examination to strengthen patent assets related to licensing and contentious matters, or when faced with invalidity challenges. Defensively, he and his team routinely monitor IP assets in competitive technology spaces and provide risk assessments to help clients make calculated business decisions on appropriate non-contentious and contentious risk mitigation options.

## **APAA Singapore Group**

### **Jevon Louis**



Jevon Louis is a Partner at Shook Lin & Bok, and specialises in intellectual property (IP) law, technology and data privacy. He is well-suited for this area of practice as he is technically qualified with a degree in mechanical engineering, a registered Singapore patent attorney, and an advocate and solicitor of the Singapore Supreme Court.

Jevon's experience extends to both contentious and non-contentious IP, technology and data matters spanning across multiple industries including pharmaceuticals, renewable energy, manufacturing, construction, logistics and semiconductors.

Jevon represents clients in court proceedings as well as in alternative dispute resolution proceedings and has extensive experience in IP enforcement disputes, technology disputes, and data breach and compliance matters. On the non-contentious side, Jevon oversees the firm's IP filing and registration practice, advises on IP and technology transactions, including providing IP strategy, related business intelligence, audits, and advice on data management, sharing and compliance.





**Foo Maw Jiun**

Foo Maw Jiun is a Senior Partner in Dentons Rodyk's Intellectual Property & Technology practice group and Co-Head of the Patents practice. He is also Co-Head of the Data Privacy & Protection and Cybersecurity practices.

Maw Jiun's areas of practice encompass worldwide registration of intellectual property, infringement and counterfeiting actions, commercial litigation involving intellectual property, commercialization of intellectual property rights (such as licensing and assignment agreements) and compliance with data protection and cybersecurity laws.

Maw Jiun's IP litigation experience includes copyright suits, trademark infringements and revocation, patent infringements and breach of confidentiality cases. Maw Jiun has represented a variety of clients (including global pharmaceuticals, a Japanese semi-conductor packaging company, tobacco manufacturers and local enterprises) at various levels including the Singapore Trade Mark Registry, the Singapore High Court and the Singapore Court of Appeal.



**Michael Mclaughlin**

Michael Mclaughlin is a Singapore Registered Patent Attorney, qualified by professional examination to act before the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS). He is originally from the UK and is also a British Chartered Patent Attorney (CPA) and a (qualified) European Patent Attorney (EPA).

Michael has an honours degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow (UK) and practiced as an Electrical Design Engineer before becoming a patent attorney. He trained as a patent attorney in London, widely considered as a world centre of excellence in the profession. In 2005 he qualified as a CPA and an EPA while with a leading London firm.

His practice extends across a broad range of technologies, primarily in engineering & science, with around 25 years' experience in software/ICT, electrical & electronic engineering and mechanical engineering and devices. He has experience providing custom advice and services to a diverse range of clients, from private individuals, SMEs, universities and government research institutes, to tech behemoths. Michael was instrumental in formulating patent drafting and filing strategies for a South-East Asian tech giant when implementing a quantum leap in the growth of its then-nascent patent portfolio.



**LAM Chung Nian**

LAM Chung Nian is the Head of the Intellectual Property, Technology & Data Group. He handles both contentious and non-contentious matters in the areas of intellectual property ("IP"), media, information technology ("IT"), data protection and telecommunications law, and has extensive experience working on regulatory, transactional, enforcement and advisory projects in these areas, counting among his clients multinational companies, listed corporations and government regulators.

Chung Nian's IP experience covers all aspects of transactional, enforcement and advisory work involving IP, technology, media and telecommunications matters, including franchising, licensing, securitisation, due diligence, acquisitions and divestments.

His IT experience covers software licensing, outsourcing, systems development and integration agreements, as well as maintenance, service level and "as-a-service" agreements. He has worked on projects involving key IT infrastructure and mission critical systems, having represented both IT system developers and consultants as well as large institutional customers in the aviation, banking, financial services, public transport and healthcare sectors.

In the telecommunications sector, he has handled customer and vendor agreements, infrastructure roll-outs, submarine cable projects, VoIP, SIP and unified communications as well as regulatory clearance projects, having advised international cloud service providers, multinational telecommunications and networking companies.

#### **CPD POINTS INFORMATION**


Public CPD Points	:	2.5
Practice Area	:	Intellectual Property
Training Category	:	General

#### **Terms and Conditions**

1. Attendance is free for Individual Members and Organization Members (for up to 3 participants) of APAA Singapore Group.

**Please note:** A participant must be an Advocate & Solicitor in Singapore, a foreign lawyer registered under section 36B of the Legal Profession Act, a registered patent agent in Singapore, an IP professional practising IP in Singapore, or a trainee of any of the aforesaid.

2. The registration fee for non-Members is S\$150 (inclusive of GST) per participant. An Organization Member may register more than 3 participants, but this is subject to availability of seats and a fee of S\$150 (inclusive of GST) per participant will be payable for the 4<sup>th</sup> and additional participants.
3. Lunch will be provided for all participants.
4. The closing date for registration is **12 noon on Friday, 11 April 2025**.
5. As capacity is limited, registration is on a first-come-first-served basis.
6. A fee of S\$150 (inclusive of GST) (per APAA Member or per participant for first 3 participants of an Organization Member) will be imposed for no-shows.
7. All fees are due upon registration and are non-refundable.
8. Payment is to be made via one of the following modes:

PayNow to UEN No. S93SS0004H01A or scan the following:- 	Bank transfer using the following account details:-  Bank: DBS Bank Ltd Bank Account No.: 0480092420 Account Name: APAA – S'PORE GROUP Bank Code: 7171 Branch Code: 048
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**NOTE: Please ensure that your payment to us does not include remitting back charges or agent bank charges, so that we receive the full registration sum.**

9. All payment must be received by the Treasurer, Foo Maw Jiun, by **11 April 2025**. When payment has been made, please inform our Treasurer at [mawjiun.foo@dentons.com](mailto:mawjiun.foo@dentons.com) and provide details of your payment.

By registering for the event via the registration link above, the participant agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions above which he/she is deemed to have read and understood.

Participants who wish to obtain CPD Points are reminded that they must comply strictly with the Attendance Policy set out in the CPD Guidelines. For this activity, this includes signing in on arrival and signing out at the conclusion of the activity in the manner required by the organizer, and not being absent from the entire activity for more than 15 minutes. Participants who do not comply with the Attendance Policy will not be able to obtain CPD Points for attending the activity. Please refer to <http://www.sileCPDcentre.sg> for more information.