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# **Acquiring Trademark Rights in Foreign Countries**

Date: Thursday, October 18, 2012

Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm Speaker: Rick Abegglen, Attorney

Agenda: Informal networking will begin at 11:30am.

Presentation will begin at 12:00pm.

Location: Promega BioPharmaceutical Technology Center

5445 E Cheryl Pkwy, Room Number: 122

Fitchburg, WI 53711

Menu: Pizza buffet provided: \$5 for IEEE members, \$10 for non-members, free for students.

RSVP: Deadline: Oct. 15. Go to https://meetings.vtools.ieee.org/meeting\_view/list\_meeting/14391

to register. Please send questions or difficulties to CJ Gervasi at: cj@cgervasi.com

Non-member guests are always welcome!

#### **Abstract**

Trademarks are an important and valuable part of any business. If you sell internationally, you run the very real risk that somebody else might register your trademarks in a foreign country of interest before you do. This presentation is about how you can protect your trademark rights in foreign countries fairly easily and at a reasonable cost. We will explore: trademarks, general filing rules – old and new, how and why laws were changed, international filing, typical costs, and United States considerations.

**Biography** 

Mr. Rick Abegglen is an attorney in private practice in Madison, and has twice served as adjunct lecturer in Trademarks at the University of Wisconsin Law School. Prior to law school, he enjoyed a 15-year career in electrical engineering career in the Silicon Valley, starting at Intel in 1984, and then with several startup companies. He has travelled to more than 20 countries, and likes foreign trademarks, stamps, and money. His engineering specialties have been semiconductor equipment, high performance computing for manufacturing automation, and most recently networking and internet security. He holds BS and MS degrees from the College of Engineering at the University of Wisconsin, where he got his most valuable experience working in the repair shop of the EE department. He has been a member of the IEEE for 22 years.

#### **Ethics Seminar!**

Get credit for Wisconsin's new ethics continuing education requirement for PEs.

When: November 7th; 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Where: Promega BioPharmaceutical Technology Center

How: Check-in starting at 10:00 am; 30 minute lunch in the middle of the seminar

Who: Laura Grossenbacher, PhD and Howard Rosen, PhD

UW-Madison, Dept. of Engineering Professional Development Pre-registration is strongly encouraged -- see next page for full details.

### IEEE Entrepreneurs & Consultants Network, Madison Networking Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 4, 2012 Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm Purpose: Presentation, topic TBD.

Location: TBD Parking: TBD

Process: Members are encouraged to make introductions, describe endeavors, and make request

for: contacts in target companies, needs, resources. Bring your elevator speech and rolodex!

RSVP: Tim Chapman (PrettyGoodGUIs@TrueNym.NET)





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# **Ethics Training for PEs**

Date: Wednesday, November 7, 2012

Time: 10:30am - 1:00pm

Speaker: Laura Grossenbacher, PhD and Howard Rosen, PhD.

Agenda: Pre-regiatration will begin at 10:00am.

Presentation will begin at 10:30am.

Location: Promega BioPharmaceutical Technology Center

5445 E Chervl Pkwy, Room Number: Auditorium

Fitchburg, WI 53711

Menu: Pizza buffet provided: \$5 for IEEE members, \$10 for non-members, free for students.

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This course is approved for 2 professional development hours and fulfills the requirements for Professional Conduct & Ethics in all states (except FL). Attendees will receive University of Wisconsin-Madison certificates of attendance to document meeting the requirement. As of 2012, Wisconsin requires 30 hours of continuing education every two years, of which 2 hours must be in the area of Professional Conduct and Ethics. The complete rules from the WI Department of Safety and Professional Services (formerly Department of Regulation and Licensing) can be found at:

https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin\_code/a\_e/13.pdf

#### **Abstract**

This course will provide two professional development hours, satisfying the ethics requirement for professional engineering licensure in Wisconsin. After completing this seminar, attendees will be more aware of the fundamental canons of a recognized Code of Ethics for Engineers (particularly the IEEE code). They will recognize when they are facing a complex ethical dilemma, and be able to identify stakeholders and potential consequences for them (long-term costs, safety concerns, violations of privacy or rights, breaches of contracts, breaches of confidentiality, conflicts of interest, etc.). They will be asked to discuss and analyze situations involving multiple conflicting personal, professional, and ethical obligations.

**Biography** 

Howard Rosen is a Program Director in the Department of Engineering Professional Development, College of Engineering, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He specializes in developing continuing education programs on issues in public works infrastructure. His academic research interest is in the dynamics of technological development and organizational change. He has written and taught extensively on these subjects. Rosen received his doctorate from the Division of Social Sciences of the University of Chicago. He was a member of the Stanford University (Program in Values, Technology & Society) and on the faculty of the Illinois Institute of Technology. While at the Illinois Institute of Technology, Rosen was a member of the Center for the Study of Ethics in the Professions. He developed and taught the Center's first class on Engineering Ethics and was co-author of A SELECTED ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN ENGINEERING. As a member of the Department of Engineering Professional Development at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, he continues to teach a course on "Ethics in Public Works".

Laura Grossenbacher is Director of the Technical Communication Program in the Department of Engineering Professional Development, College of Engineering, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of Texas at Austin, and has been teaching courses in engineering communication at UW-Madison for sixteen years. She has done consulting work in proposal writing for private engineering firms (such as HNTB, Inc. and Affiliated Engineers, Inc.) and has taught communication and ethics as part of the UW-Madison College of Engineering study abroad programs in both Toulouse, France, and Hangzhou, China. She is an active member of the Association for Practical and Profession Ethics, serving as a judge at their National Ethics Bowl collegiate competition since 2003. Her particular interests within engineering ethics have been informed by her work abroad and by her development of case studies for a capstone course she teaches for undergraduate engineering students, Current Issues in International Engineering. She has given several professional presentations on issues in engineering ethics, most recently at the APPE Conferences in 2011 and 2012 and at the Congress for Social and Ethical Implications at Arizona State University in November 2011. In January 2012, she was invited ethics faculty for the "NNIN Winter School," a two-week intensive study-abroad program held at UNICAMP, Brazil, designed for outstanding US and Brazilian graduate students, sponsored by the NSF.







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### **SECTION Meetings**

The third Thursday of Jan.-May and Sep.-Dec. is reserved for a meeting to provide recent research, developments, trends and/or innovations in one of our membership's technical areas.

## **NETWORKING Meetings**

The first Thursday of even numbered months is reserved for a meeting to provide networking opportunities for members who are consultants or entrepreneurs. Bring your elevator speech and rolodex!

# Section Meeting Schedule for 2012 (schedule subject to change)



January 19, EU e-Freight Software Initiative February 16, Patent Law March 15, Reverse Electrowetting April 27, Signal Processing May 17, Electricity Nanogenerators May 22, Annual Wind Farm Tour August 16, Why does my Design fail EMC? September 20, Optimal Inductor Solutions

# **Networking Meeting Schedule for 2012** (schedule subject to change)

February 2, TBD April 5, TBD June 7, TBD August 2, TBD

October 18, International Trademarks by Richard Abegglen

November 7, Ethics Training Seminar by Laura Grossenbacher & Howard Rosen

November 16, Unraveling Tornadoes with Mobile Doppler Radar by Robin Tanamachi

December 20, Why Reference Models are Crucial to e-Logistics by David Marca

October 4, TBD December 6, TBD



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