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Mr. Ravi Saxena, IAS
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Subject: Invitation to the Distinguished Guest of Honor for Inaugural function of the GNLU-GW University Law School & US INDIA Business Council Global IPR Symposium on 10 December, 2012.

Dear Sir,

It gives me immense pleasure to inform you that Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) (www.gnlu.ac.in) in collaboration with George Washington School of Law (oldest law school in Washington, DC, accredited by the American Bar Association and is a charter member of the Association of American Law Schools) and US INDIA Business Council (the premier business advocacy organization representing America's top companies investing in India, joined by global Indian companies, with an aim to deepen trade and strengthen commercial ties) is organizing Global Symposium on **Contemporary IPR Issues and Sustainable Development: A Way Forward for Cooperation between Stakeholders of Developing and Developed Countries on 10 - 11 December 2012.**

Objectives of the symposium

- To discuss IPR issues related to new technological developments and its implications.
- To discuss the adequacy of existing IPR Laws in the context of new technologies.
- To study the various commercial agreements on licensing of technical know-how and its feasibility.
- To scrutinize the procedure for patent disclosure in various international jurisdiction so as to attain the objective of public interest at large.
- To discuss the effect of implementation of TRIPS in the sphere of various domestic IP Laws to ensure healthy competition in markets.
- To deliberate upon essentiality of WTO-TRIPS in regularizing and liberalizing international intellectual property rights.
- To analyse the current trends in the existing IP Laws with special reference to transfer of technology and the changes required owing to the unique socio-economic conditions of India.
- To confer upon how the judiciary & statutory bodies are equipped to handle IPR disputes.



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- To provide platform for stakeholders of IP for networking and building a nexus between statutory bodies and private institutions in the arena of intellectual property law to achieve sustainable development.

Confirmed Distinguished Guests:

- Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K.Ganguly, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India,
- Chief Judge Randall Ray Rader, Chief Judge, US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit,
- Judge Kent Amos Jordan, Federal Judge, US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit,
- Judge Paul Singh Grewal, Magistrate Judge, US District Court, Northern District of California,
- Mr Ram Jethmalani, Member of Parliament (RajyaSabha), India,
- Prof. Paul Schiff Berman, Dean, George Washington University Law School, USA,
- Prof. Susan L. Karamanian, Associate Dean, George Washington University Law School, USA,
- Prof. John M. Whealan, Intellectual Property Advisory Board Associate Dean for Intellectual Property Law Studies, George Washington University Law School, USA,
- Prof. Gregory E. Maggs, Professor of Law, Co-director, National Security and U.S. Foreign Relations Law Program, George Washington University Law School, USA,
- Prof. Sean Martin O'Connor, Visiting Professor of Law, George Washington University Law School, USA,
- Mr. Jess Gupta, Corporate Development Manager at NetSuite,
- Mr Raj Dave, Partner, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, Washington,
- Mr Michel Green, US Chambers of Commerce,
- Amy Hariani, US Chambers of Commerce,
- Anjan Das, Confederation of Indian Industry,
- Mr Vin Gupta, Chairman, Everest Group LLC,
- Edward Reines of Well, Gotshal and Manges' Technology Litigation Practice, Silicon Valley,
- Tina Chappell, Senior IP Counsel, INTEL,
- William P. Atkins, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP,
- Hiten Ghosh, Vice-President, Hughes Network and others.

Resource persons and participants:

Government and Regulatory Authorities: WIPO, European Patent Office, US Patent Office, US Trade Houses, FICCI, CII, Law Firms, Regulatory Authorities, Judiciary, Executive (Ministry of Commerce and Trade), IP Tribunals, Competition Commissions, S&T Officials of Diplomatic Missions, S&T Councils.

Law firms and attorney: Patent Attorney, IP Law Firms, IT Law Firms

Industry and Trade: IT and Communication Industry, Biotechnology and Life Sciences, including agriculture biotechnology, industrial biotechnology, pharmaceutical and healthcare biotechnology, environmental biotechnology, food biotechnology.



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Academicians and Researchers: IITs, IIMs, NLUs, researchers and students from various countries are invited and will participate in the Conference.

Invitation for participation:

GNLU has great pleasure to invite you to be a part of the Symposium as an important stakeholder of the arena. The input provided by you shall be of immense substance to arrive at a solution to many highly debatable current issues in the field of Intellectual Property Rights. GNLU looks forward to government representatives of various departments such as those of Ministry of Science and Technology, Department of biotechnology, Ministry of Human Resources and Development, Department of Space, Department of Atomic Energy, Judges of various courts, Regulatory authorities, Trademark and patent offices, Officers of major corporations dealing with IPR issues such as pharmacy, software, biotechnology, automobile, music, all universities from various countries, students from premium institutes such as Indian Institute of Technology, National Law Universities, Indian Institute of Management, academicians, IPR scientists, other research institutes, publishing houses, lawyers, nongovernmental organizations, members of judiciary, IPR journalists.

In this regard we kindly invite you to be the distinguished guest of honour for the inaugural function of the **GNLU-GW University Law School –US India Business Council IPR Symposium on 10 December, 2012.**

Further details are available at this link: <http://www.gnlu.ac.in/CMSContentDetail.aspx?cmsID=732>

GNLU will be very grateful if you could kindly accept our invitation to promote the importance of intellectual property rights & its implementation.

Dr Thomas Mathew, Chief Symposium Coordinator (ips2012@gnlu.ac.in or tmathew@gnlu.ac.in; mobile + 91 8128650877) be pleased to provide further information to facilitate the participation.

Kind regards,

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