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Section Brings China IP Delegation to U.S.

The Section invited the All-China Patent Agents Association (ACPAA) to attend the ABA IPL Section's 20th Annual IP Law Conference at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, in Arlington, Va. The ACPAA sent a delegation of eight Chinese IP attorneys to attend the conference, headed by ACPAA's President Dr. Lulin Gao, currently the Chairman of the East IP Intellectual Property Services and formerly the Commissioner of the State Intellectual Property Office of China. The other members of the delegation included Mr. De Yuan, Secretary General of the ACPAA, Mr. Jinguo Xu, President of Lecome Intellectual Property Agent Ltd.; Mr. Xiangmin Li, Managing Partner of Liu, Shen & Associates; Mr. Xiangwen Wu, Senior Patent Counsel of East IP Intellectual Property Service; Mr. Xiaoguang Cui, President of Beijing Sanyou Intellectual Property Agency Ltd.; Mr. Jinguo Liu, Assistant to President to NTD Patent and Trademark Agency; and Mr. Hong Luo, President of China Patent & Trademark Agent (USA).

Two members of the ACPAA delegation, Dr. Gao and Mr. Cui, presented at the conference panel titled "Procuring and Enforcing Intellectual Property Rights in the P.R. of China" and moderated by the Section's China Task Force Chair Elizabeth Chien-Hale. Along with four other panelists – Al Jacobs of Greenberg Traurig, Naomi Abe Voegtli of SAP, Timothy Browning of the USPTO, and Benjamin Bai of Jones Day – the panel offered the audience an update on the various ways an intellectual property rights holder can enforce their rights in China, including through the administrative agencies, the courts, and Chinese Customs.

In addition to attending the conference, the delegation, accompanied by Section Council Member Robert Lindefeld and Elizabeth Chien-Hale, visited the USPTO, the Copyright Office, the Federal Circuit, and the International Trade Commission, and had a tour of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Prior to coming to the Conference, the ACPAA also visited Silicon Valley with Elizabeth Chien-Hale, where they met with IP counsels of various high-tech companies and intellectual property law firms in the area. Dr. Gao and Mr. Yuan gave a lecture on the Chinese patent system at the Sunnyvale Center for Innovations, Inventions, and Ideas.

The Delegation then headed to Southern California where they were greeted by Section Council Member Don Martens and various members of Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear. The two sides exchanged their views on patent and trademark laws in the U.S. and China, including recent developments.

After attending the Section's Conference, the delegation headed to New York before returning to Beijing. Through the arrangement of the Section's Financial Officer Susan McGahan and Peter Thurlow of the New York Intellectual Property Law Association (NYIPLA), NYIPLA hosted a well-attended reception for the delegation on April 18, during which Dr. Gao gave an overview of the intellectual property system in China and stressed that China has made significant progress in enforcing intellectual property rights in China in a very short period of time.

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