



Biographies

Honorable Brian Cogan, *United States District Court, Eastern District of New York*

Brian M. Cogan was appointed by President George W. Bush on June 7, 2006 and entered on duty June 12, 2006.

Judge Cogan obtained his B.A. degree from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in 1975 and his J.D. degree from the Cornell Law School in 1979, where he was a member of the Board of Editors of the Cornell Law Review. From 1979-1980, Judge Cogan served as Law Clerk for Judge Sidney M. Aronovitz in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Upon completion of his clerkship, Judge Cogan became an associate at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, where he spent his entire career prior to his appointment to the bench, becoming a partner in 1988 and General Counsel to the Firm in 2004. He had a commercial litigation practice concentrating on complex litigation, accountants liability and securities fraud, insolvency, and cross-border litigation.

Judge Cogan has delivered many lectures and presentations before most local and national bar associations. He has also written numerous articles on legal topics, and is the co-author of Bankruptcy Code Impact on Civil Litigation in the Federal Courts, in 4 Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts 803 (R. Haig ed., 2d ed. 2005) and author of Practice in the Commercial Division, in 3 Commercial Litigation in New York State Courts 501(R. Haig ed., 2d ed. 2005).

In his time on the bench, Judge Cogan has presided over several MDL cases, including antitrust, products liability, and consumer fraud cases. He is also a "designated patent judge" the Patent Pilot Program for the Eastern District of New York.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Cogan served as Vice-Chairman of the Mayor's Committee on the Appointment of City Marshals and was a member of the Appellate Division, First Department, Departmental Disciplinary Committee. He has taught as an Adjunct Professor at Brooklyn Law School.

He is a Judge Advocate General in the New York Guard, holding the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and a former Member of the Board of the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music.



Honorable Renee Marie Bumb, *United States District Court, District of New Jersey*

Renée Marie Bumb was nominated by the President of the United States on January 25, 2006, to serve as a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. The United States Senate confirmed the nomination on June 6, 2006. On June 15, 2006, Judge Bumb took the Oath of Office and was assigned to serve in the Camden Vicinage.

Prior to her nomination to the United States District Court, Judge Bumb was the Attorney-in-Charge of the Camden Office of the United States

Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey. As the Attorney-in-Charge, she was responsible for the supervision of most federal prosecutions in southern New Jersey. During her tenure as an Assistant United States Attorney, she prosecuted crimes involving public corruption, white collar fraud, health care fraud, narcotics violations, and others.

Judge Bumb is a graduate of Ohio State University (B.A. 1981), University of Chicago (M.A. 1983), and Rutgers School of Law - Newark (J.D. 1987). Upon completion of law school, Judge Bumb served as Law Clerk to the Honorable Garrett E. Brown, Jr., of the United States District Court.

Judge Bumb has served on many panels dealing with various issues confronted in the litigation of federal cases including patent issues. She is currently a member of the Third Circuit's Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions.

June Cohan, *Legal Advisor, United States Patent and Trademark Office*

June E. Cohan is a Legal Advisor in the Office of Patent Legal Administration at the USPTO, where she focuses on policy and guidance issues concerning patent examination and reexamination proceedings. She specializes in patent subject matter eligibility and Section 112 issues, and most recently was a lead developer of the December 2014 Interim Eligibility Guidance and the July 2015 Update on eligibility.

Prior to joining the USPTO in 2013, Ms. Cohan practiced patent law in the Washington, D.C. area for 16 years. Her practice included litigation of patent infringement and Section 337 actions in the federal courts and before the U.S. International Trade Commission, as well as patent prosecution, opinions, and client counseling in the biotechnology and software areas. She has also taught advanced patent law and intellectual property courses for many years at Georgetown University and George Washington University.



Chris Israel, *Partner, American Continental Group*

Chris Israel joined American Continental Group in 2010, bringing his experience as an accomplished public and private sector executive with an extensive record of leadership, including senior-level appointments by the President of the United States, service on Capitol Hill and holding a senior-level position within a Fortune 50 company.

Mr. Israel works with a diverse range of clients to develop and execute effective policy and communications strategies. He continues to be a frequent speaker on IP and innovation issues and was named one of the 50 “Most Influential People on IP” by Managing Intellectual Property magazine in 2006. He has also been called upon to testify before Congress several times since leaving public service.

Mr. Israel served for nearly seven years in senior leadership roles in the Bush Administration. He was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy at the Commerce Department by President Bush on 2001. While in this position, he led the development and execution of the Administration’s policies designed to maximize U.S. competitiveness and technological growth. From 2003 to 2005, Mr. Israel served as Deputy Chief of Staff to Commerce Secretaries Donald L. Evans and Carlos Gutierrez, where he assisted in the leadership and management of major Commerce Department priorities such as trade and economic policy. He also served as senior liaison to the White House and other federal agencies. In 2005, he was appointed to be the first U.S. Coordinator for International Intellectual Property Enforcement by President Bush. In this role, he was responsible for coordinating and leveraging the resources of the U.S. government to protect American intellectual property at home and abroad. He was frequently called upon to testify before Congress and lead U.S. delegations to key countries including China, India, Russia, Japan and the EU. He also represented the U.S. in global fora including WIPO, G8 and the OECD.

Before serving in the Bush Administration, Mr. Israel was Director of International Policy at Time Warner where he worked on issues such as online privacy, intellectual property protection and online taxation. He also assisted in the development of the Global Business Dialogue on E-Commerce, working directly with Time Warner’s then-CEO Gerald Levin.

Earlier in his career, he served on Capitol Hill for U.S. Representatives Jan Meyers (R-KS) and Todd Tiahrt (R-KS). Mr. Israel received his B.A. from the University of Kansas and an M.B.A. from The George Washington University.



Professor David Opderbeck, *Seton Hall University School of Law*

Professor Opderbeck's work focuses on the regulation of access to scientific and technological information. His published work has employed the tools of game theory, classical microeconomics, and statistical analysis to address issues such as settlements in Hatch-Waxman litigation, cybersecurity policy, intellectual property restrictions on essential medicines in developing countries, open source biotechnology, patent damages reform, and the interaction of law and social norms concerning music file sharing.

Professor Opderbeck's interest in cybersecurity law and policy included a multi-year grant-funded project sponsored by the Bergen County, New Jersey Prosecutor's Office, which included new courses, continuing legal education programs, and the creation of a governmental working group on cybersecurity and cybercrime. The governmental working group recently worked on a new online child pornography bill that was signed into law by Governor Christie. Professor Opderbeck frequently lectures to law enforcement agencies and other groups on cybercrime, cyberterrorism, and civil liberties.

In addition to his traditional legal scholarship, Professor Opderbeck is interested in the philosophical and moral foundations of information policy and other aspects of the law. He has written on ethical, philosophical and theological issues in law and jurisprudence, and currently is completing a doctorate in philosophical theology regarding the intersection of neuroscience and the law.

Lee Pham, *Director of Global Intellectual Property Strategy, American Express*

Lee Pham is Director of Global Intellectual Property Strategy at American Express, responsible for leveraging patent assets to drive growth, avoid disruptive litigation and protect the company's reputation for security, trust and service. Lee's role at American Express involves oversight of IP investments, strategic patent transactions and corporate integration of IP. In his role, Lee secures corporate sponsorship and financial backing for IP-based initiatives across the global enterprise by championing intellectual property among senior leaders.

Lee is a graduate of the Cardozo School of Law in New York City. While pursuing a J.D. with a concentration in intellectual property, Lee worked as a legal intern at American Express and as a summer associate at a law firm in Vietnam. He was a 2012-2014 Young Lawyer Fellow in the New York State Bar Association's IP Law Section and is an active member of the Far East Practice Committee of the American IP Law Association, having served on recent delegations to Vietnam, Thailand, South Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan and Singapore.



Hans Sauer, *Deputy General Counsel for Intellectual Property, Biotechnology Industry Organization*

Hans Sauer is Deputy General Counsel for Intellectual Property for the Biotechnology Industry Organization, a major trade association representing over 1,100 biotechnology companies and research institutions in the medical, agricultural, environmental and industrial biotechnology sectors. At BIO, Mr. Sauer advises the organization's board of directors and BIO's various policy departments on patent and other intellectual property-related matters. Prior to joining BIO in 2006, he was Chief Patent Counsel for MGI Pharma, Inc., in Bloomington, MN. Mr. Sauer has 20 years of professional in-house experience in the biotechnology industry, first as a research scientist specializing in age-related disorders of the brain, and later as a patent and corporate attorney. He holds an M.S. degree in biology from the University of Ulm in Germany; a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from the University of Lund, Sweden; and a J.D. degree from Georgetown University Law Center where he serves as adjunct professor of law.

Scott Weidenfeller, *Associate Solicitor, United States Patent and Trademark Office*

Scott C. Weidenfeller, Acting Deputy Solicitor Mr. Weidenfeller oversees much of the work of the USPTO Solicitor's Office in the Supreme Court, the Federal Circuit, and district courts around the country. He authored the government's brief in the Federal Circuit in *Alice*, and he has worked on the government's briefs in *Alice*, *Bilski*, and *Mayo*, as well as the USPTO's guidance following the Supreme Court's decisions in those cases. He also manages litigation against the USPTO involving the AIA and oversees the USPTO's decisions whether to intervene in appeals from PTAB decisions in both AIA post-grant proceedings and inter partes reexaminations. Prior to joining the USPTO, Mr. Weidenfeller was an associate at Covington & Burling LLP and a law clerk to the Honorable Timothy B. Dyk.