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JANUARY 2004 AIPLA MEETING

2004 Officer Elections

Date: Thursday, January 22, 2004

Location: Green Pastures

811 W. Live Oak St.

Austin

11:30 a.m. – Registration

Noon – Luncheon and Election

Cost: \$30.00 for members (pre-paid)

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Please RSVP by January 16, 2004

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 19, 2004

AIPLA MEETING

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USPTO NEWS

Jon Dudas Becomes Acting USPTO Director

Jon W. Dudas became Acting Director of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on January 12, 2004. Director James Rogan's resignation was effective on January 9, 2004. Dudas served as Deputy Director under Rogan and before that was a senior aide to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. Dudas began his Capitol Hill career as counsel to the House IP subcommittee and also worked for a Chicago law firm.

IBM CORP. RECEIVES MOST 2003 PATENTS

On January 9, 2004 the USPTO announced the top 10 companies receiving U.S. patents in 2003. They were, with numbers of patents in parentheses: IBM Corp. (3,415), Cannon K.K. (1,992), Hitachi, Ltd. (1,893), Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. (1,786), Hewlett-Packard Development Co. (1,759), Micron Technology, Inc. (1,707), Intel Corp. (1,592), Philips Electronics N.V. (1,353), Samsung Electronics Co. (1,313), and Sony Corp. (1,311).