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### **Loyola Law School Program Addresses Employee-Inventor Rights**

**Los Angeles**, Sept. 14, 2006 – Loyola Law School’s Special IP Focus Series symposium, “Employee-Inventor Rights,” will address the increasingly complex subject of how intellectual property rights are assigned. The program, to be held on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, will take a global perspective in attempting to answer the question: What rights, if any, do employee-inventors have in patents that result from their creations? A distinguished group of participants will provide some surprising answers. The conference will be held on Loyola Law School’s downtown campus from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm.

A long list of intellectual property experts will address employee-inventor rights from a variety of viewpoints. Session topics include “Corporate and Academic Models for Voluntarily Sharing the Economic Value of the Inventions with Employees” and “Application of Various Laws to Different Types or Classes of Employees and Different Types of Inventions.” Additionally, a debate will explore whether the US should change its law to provide a statutory right to additional compensation for valuable inventions or continue to allow employers and employees to negotiate any additional compensation.

The conference’s significant international focus is by design. “The US competes with other industrialized countries, many of which provide their employee-inventors with greater incentives to invent that do most US companies,” said IP Focus Series Director John T. McDermott. “European and Asian law is very different from US law. Many US companies have subsidiaries abroad, and IP managers need to be aware of the laws in those other countries. I believe that US law and US lawyers are far too nearsighted in their legal training.”

Log on to [www.lls.edu/ip](http://www.lls.edu/ip) for complete program details.

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