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CLINICAL PROGRAM

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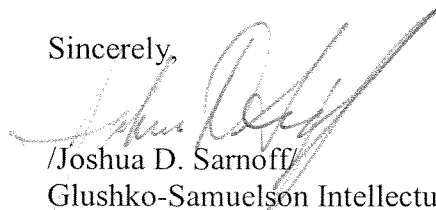
Dear Mr. Toupin & Mr. Moatz:

The undersigned, on behalf of their law school clinical programs, wish to express their appreciation for the two-year Law School Clinic Pilot Program (Pilot) that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) recently announced. We believe that it reflects an important and useful step forward to authorizing routine law student practice before the PTO. As discussed at a meeting earlier this month of IP and technology law clinics, small business law clinics, and entrepreneurship law clinics, many of the undersigned clinical programs plan to apply for certification under the Pilot (particularly for student trademark practice). Other clinics (including those that will not be in operation until next fall or until the following year) plan to do so in the future. Given the high demand that we expect for clinics to participate in this Pilot, all of the undersigned clinical programs believe that the scale of the Pilot may be unduly restrictive.

We therefore request that you consider expanding the Pilot, so as to allow more than the contemplated three-to-five total clinical programs to participate in it. Participation of a broader range of clinics will provide the PTO with a more representative experience on which to determine whether to continue the Pilot after its planned two-year period. It will also allow the PTO to gain a broader range of insights into the wide variety of clinical programs that would engage in student practice, which would be useful for developing a permanent practice rule.

Finally, we would like to offer any assistance that may be helpful to the PTO in making the Pilot work effectively. We would be happy to arrange a meeting of interested clinical programs to discuss any matter that may arise regarding implementation of the Pilot. Again, we want to thank the PTO for this wonderful development, and to offer our assistance in assuring the success of the Pilot.

Sincerely,



/Joshua D. Sarnoff/

Glushko-Samuelson Intellectual Property Law Clinic
on behalf of the clinical programs listed in Attachment A

ATTACHMENT A

Internet Policy Clinic
Brooklyn Law School

The Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic Center at
Case Western Reserve University School of Law

Technology/Intellectual Property Clinic
DePaul University College of Law

Community Development Clinic
Florida International University College of Law

Clinical Legal Education Program
Fordham Law School

Intellectual Property & Transaction Clinic
Franklin Pierce Law Center

Small Business Clinic, Jacob Burns Community Clinics
George Washington University Law School

Small Business & Nonprofit Clinic
Michigan State University College of Law

Small Business Opportunity Center
Northwestern University School of Law

Community Law Clinic – Intellectual Property Law Section
Rutgers Law School – Newark

Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic
Seattle University School of Law

Intellectual Property Law Internship Program
Stetson University College of Law

Legal Clinic
U. of Akron School of Law

Samuelson Law, Technology & Public Policy Clinic
U.C. Berkeley School of Law

Institute for Justice Clinic on Entrepreneurship
University of Chicago Law School

Entrepreneurial Law Clinic
Colorado Law School

Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Law Clinic
University of Connecticut School of Law

Community Development Law Clinic
UDC David A. Clarke School of Law

Intellectual Property Law Clinic
University of Maine School of Law

UNC Clinical Programs
School of Law, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Entrepreneurship Clinic
USD School of Law

Intellectual Property & Technology Law Clinic
University of Southern California, Gould School of Law

Business Clinic
University of Tennessee College of Law

New Ventures Clinic
University of Utah, S. J. Quinney College of Law

Intellectual Property & the Arts Clinic
Vanderbilt Law School

Entrepreneurial Law Clinic
University of Washington School of Law

Glushko-Samuelsan Intellectual Property Law Clinic
Washington College of Law, American University

Small Business Enterprises and Nonprofit Corporations Clinic
Wayne State University Law School

Intellectual Property Law Clinic
William Mitchell College of Law