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Upcoming Events at Duke Law

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Several exciting IP/Technology Law events will be taking place in the upcoming weeks at Duke Law School. If you are in the area, these are definitely worth attending.

On Friday, February 16, [Professor Joseph Stiglitz](#) of Columbia University will be presenting the Frey Lecture in Intellectual Property. Professor Stiglitz was awarded the Nobel Prize in economics for his work on markets with asymmetric information. His presentation, "The Economic Foundations of Intellectual Property Law" will be held in Room 3041 at 12:15 p.m. A webcast will be available [here](#), and more information on the presentation can be found [here](#).

On Monday, February 19, [FCC Commissioner McDowell](#) will be giving a presentation on the current rulemaking regarding media ownership rules. His talk, titled "Do Media Ownership Rules Still Matter," will take place at 12:15 p.m. in Room 3037 of the law school. A webcast will also be available [here](#).

And on Friday, February 23, the Intellectual Property and Cyberlaw Society will be hosting its Sixth Annual "Hot Topics" Symposium at the law school. Speakers will include John Duffy, Steven Gardner, Ron Pabis, Clarisa Long, Dennis Crouch, Koleman Strumpf, Jim Burger, Alec French, David Kohler, and Jason Schultz. The keynote speaker will be the Honorable Judge Dyk of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The following is the press release for the event:

The Intellectual Property & Cyberlaw Society (IPCS) cordially invites your firm to attend our Sixth Annual "Hot Topics" in Intellectual Property Law Symposium Friday, February 23. This all-day, student-run symposium is Duke


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Law's premier IP event and is a testament to the strength of Duke's thriving IP program.

The event will feature a keynote address by The Honorable Judge Timothy Dyk of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, who will speak on the relationship between the Supreme Court and the Federal Circuit.

The morning panel will focus on the significant patent law decisions of 2006 and 2007, and the potential effect of these decisions on the future of patent law practice. The panel will feature leading practitioners and academics in the field, and will be moderated by Professor Arti Rai of Duke Law School.


The afternoon panel will address copyright-related issues for digital video distribution, and will include representatives from the Electronic Frontier Foundation, the television and movie industry, academia, and private practice. The panel will be moderated by Professor David Kohler of Southwestern Law School.

Attorneys who attend personally or via webcast can register to obtain 5 CLE credits. Attendance for North Carolina residents will be reported to the NC Bar directly, and Certificates of Attendance will be issued for out-of-state attorneys to present to their bar associations. To register and for the most up-to-date information on the Symposium, please visit <http://intprop.law.duke.edu>. Note that **you must register by February 21st at 3PM** if you want to participate in the breakout sessions. Please contact IPCS President Jennifer Giordano-Coltart at giordano-coltart@law.duke.edu if you have any questions regarding what promises to be an exciting and cutting-edge event.

Please join us for a day of topical and insightful discussion and debate on issues at the forefront of intellectual property law and practice. We look forward to welcoming you to Duke Law School!

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Media ownership rules do matter. I do some consulting for the National Association of Broadcasters and the fact is that the current ownership rules, mandated by the FCC, limit the ability of local TV and radio stations to provide the most diverse programming possible.

The rules, as they are today, have left the local broadcasters in the

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dust amidst growing competition such as the internet, cable and satellite.

The NAB is asking the FCC to consider modernizing the rules to permit ownership combinations in local markets so stations will be able to compete and provide the free, local services communities depend on.
