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## An Invitation To Personnel of the WTO-Member Missions And WTO Secretariat Personnel

On October 20-21, 2014, a program that looks at various issues in the international trading system (including negotiations and dispute settlement and government procurement) and challenges and opportunities in the judicial review of intellectual property cases is being held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Geneva [7-9 Chemin du Petit Saconnex] in the Ballroom. The program is being put on by the Federal Circuit Bar Association (FCBA) and has received great assistance from the World Trade Organization, the World Intellectual Property Organization and the European Patent Office.

As a recognition of the assistance we have received from various Missions in Geneva and the WTO Secretariat, FCBA extends an invitation to personnel at the Geneva Missions to the WTO and to the WTO Secretariat to attend any or all of the educational programs at the Intercontinental.

Of interest on the trade agenda are the following three events on October 20th:

- (1) Comments by Director-General Roberto Azevedo at noon (followed by a lunch break for paid attendees)
- (2) Panel on the range of negotiations at the WTO (implementation of the Bali package, remaining DDA issues; sectorals (ITA II; EGA), plurilateral on services, revisions to the GPA and prospects for expanded membership, future accessions (panel of Ambassadors to the WTO); 13:30 – 15:00
- (3) Panel on WTO's dispute settlement system (panel of officials from Missions and the WTO Secretariat), 15:20 – 16:50

The remainder of the program deals with intellectual property norms and litigation issues (October 20 morning (9:00 – noon); the last panel on the 20th (16:50 – 17:50) and on the 21st (9:00 – 18:00). While the list of panelists is still under development, the draft as of 9-26 a.m. is enclosed.

**To attend: please present your WTO issued badge at the Ballroom for admission.**

We look forward to seeing you at the event.

Jeanne Davidson, President, FCBA

Jim Brookshire, Executive Director, FCBA