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### Practices

FOCUS: Intellectual  
Property

Patents

Entrepreneurial  
Ventures

### Industries

Aviation

International

### Recognition

*Managing Intellectual  
Property, Guide to  
the World's Leading  
Patent Law  
Practitioners, 2007–  
2009*

*Who's Who in  
American Law, 4th  
and 5th editions*

American Intellectual  
Property Law  
Association  
(AIPLA), Fellow  
President's  
Outstanding Service  
Award, 2014

### Education

BEE, The City  
College of The City  
University of New  
York, *cum laude*

Samson Helfgott has practiced for over 40 years in domestic and international patent, trademark and copyright matters, international patent strategy and patent and trademark administration, before US and foreign patent tribunals. He is a prolific writer and lecturer, who is frequently published in the area of US and international prosecution and litigation pertaining to patents and trademarks, among others. He speaks Hebrew and German.

A widely acclaimed lecturer, Samson served for many years as the coordinator of an annual program on Global Intellectual Property for the Practising Law Institute. He has lectured at all the major US Bar Associations, including the American Bar Association (ABA), the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) and the Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO), and in Europe, Japan and the Middle East. Samson has also lectured for Law Seminars International, World Intellectual Property Organization, National Association for Patent Practitioners, American Conference Institute, Half Moon LLC and others. He lectures at the annual American Intellectual Property Association's Patent Cooperation Treaty Seminar and the annual Practice Prosecution Training Program.

Samson has authored *The Practitioner's Guide* to the PCT, published by the ABA. He writes the quarterly news article on international intellectual property matters for the American Bar Association IPL *Landslide* magazine. He is also coordinator of the International IP List Serve for the ABA, and an advisory board member and contributor to *World Intellectual Property Report*, BNA International, Inc., London, England. He represents The Intellectual Property Organization at the Industry IP5 Meetings and the Industry Trilateral Meetings.

### Memberships

- American Bar Association, JPO/EPO Liaison
- American Intellectual Property Law Association, Board of Directors
- Intellectual Property Owners Association, International Representative
- International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI), Executive Committee
- New York Patent Trademark and Copyright Law Association



MEE, New York  
University, *cum  
laude*

JD, Fordham  
University School of  
Law, *cum laude*

MHL, Yeshiva  
University

### Bar Admissions

New York

### Court Admissions

US Supreme Court

US District Court,  
Eastern District of  
New York

US Court of Appeals,  
Federal Circuit

US District Court,  
Southern District of  
New York

### Advisories

- Supreme Court Rules Patent Claims Ineligible as Abstract Ideas, Affirming Federal Circuit in *Alice Corp Pty. Ltd. V. CLS Bank Int'l* (June 19, 2014)
- Federal Circuit Issues Decision Affirming Obviousness of a Molecule Patent Claim (June 16, 2014)
- Congress Passes Patent Reform Bill (September 9, 2011)
- USPTO Issues Final Rules to Implement Prioritized Examination Track (Track I) (April 8, 2011)
- Supreme Court Decides *Bilski* (June 28, 2010)
- 2009 Year-End Intellectual Property Issues Advisory (December 2009)
- Federal Circuit Reverses Course on 2007 Patent Rules (March 23, 2009)
- *In re Bilski* Federal Circuit Decision Impacts Business Method Patents (October 30, 2008)
- USPTO Initiates First Action Interview Pilot Program (April 2008)

### Articles

- Author, I2P Group News, *Landslide* (January/February 2016)
- Author, I2P Group News, *Landslide* (September/October 2015)
- Author, I2P Group News, *Landslide* (May/June 2014)
- Author, I2P Group News, *Landslide* (January 21, 2014)
- Applying 'Conflicting Applications' as Prior Art? Can Harmonization Be Achieved?, *World Intellectual Property Report* (May 1, 2013)
- The Amazing Grace Period: An Analysis of the Proposed Grace Period Under the New Patent Reform Bill and Its Relationship to an International-Type Grace Period, *BNA's Patent, Trademark* (April 1, 2010)
- Fast Track Patenting, *IP Litigator*, Vol. 14, No. 6 (December 1, 2008)
- PCT and PPH, *Managing Intellectual Property* (May 1, 2008)
- Co-author, The "Endless Loop" of Japanese Patent Prosecution, *World Intellectual Property Report* (May 2006)
- A Harmonized Approach to Applying Secret Prior Act, *World Intellectual Property Report* (January 2004)
- Author, I2P Group News, *IPL Newsletter*, Volume 21, Number 4 (Summer 2003)
- Foreign Companies with R&D Facilities in the United States, *World Intellectual Property Report* (April 2002)
- Letter to the Editor, *Journal of the Patent and Trademark Office Society* (January 2002)



- Changes Afoot on International Patents, *New York Law Journal – Silicon Alley Supplement* (December 3, 2001)
- Prior Art Date of PCT Applications, *Patents and Licensing*, Vol. 29, No. 2 (April 1999)
- Eastern European Patent Activities, *Journal of the Japanese Group AIPPI*, Vol. 40, No. 5 (May 1995)
- Why Must Filing in Europe Be So Costly?, *Journal of the Patent and Trademark Office Society*, Vol. 76, No. 10 (October 1994)
- Correcting Errors in European Patent Applications, Tenth Annual Joint Seminar of the Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania Intellectual Property Law Associations (April 1994)
- Effective Utilization of the Japanese Patent System, *Intellectual Property Law Annual 1994* (March 1994)
- Patent Filing Costs Around the World, *Journal of the Patent and Trademark Office Society*, Vol. 75, No. 7 (July 1993)
- Differences Between U.S. & Japanese Patent Applications, *Journal of the Japanese Group AIPPI*, Vol. 37, No. 7 (October 1992)
- *University of Baltimore Intellectual Property Law Journal*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (Fall 1992)
- *Journal of Proprietary Rights*, Prentice Hall, Vol. 4, No. 4 (April 1992)
- A Global Patent Application, *Journal of the Patent and Trademark Office Society*, Vol. 74, No. 1 (January 1992 )
- A Global Patent Application, *Global Intellectual Property Series*, No. 319, Practising Law Institute (October 1991)
- Claim Practice Around the World, *Journal of the Japanese Group AIPPI*, Vol. 36, No. 6 (June 1991)
- Cultural Differences Between the U.S. and Japanese Patent Systems,, *Journal of the Patent and Trademark Office Society*, Vol. 72, No. 3 (March 1990)
- Cultural Differences Between the U.S. and Japanese Patent Systems, *Patents & Licensing*, Vol. 19, No. 6 (December 1989)
- Cultural Differences Between the U.S. and Japanese Patent Systems, *World Intellectual Property Report (BNA)*, Vol. 3, No. 12 (December 1989 )
- Use and Interpretation of Dependent Claims Around the World, *World Intellectual Property Report (BNA)*, Vol. 3, No. 9 (September 1989)
- Harmonization of Patent Laws & Procedures, Fifth Annual Joint Seminar-Patent Practice Update (April 1989 )
- Willful Infringement & Right to Use Opinions of Counsel, ABA-PTC Section, Intellectual Property Law, 4th Spring Educational Program (March 1989 )



- Prior Art Effect of Previously Filed Subsequently Published Applications, *AIPLA Selected Legal Papers*, Vol. IV, No. 2 (December 1986 )
- Guide to Selecting Foreign Countries for Patent Coverage, *Introduction to Patents Throughout the World*, 3d ed. (August 1986 )
- Novelty Effect of Prior Filed Applications, ABA-Section of Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law, 1986 Committee Reports (1986)
- National Filing vs. EPC Filing, *Intellectual Property Law* (Spring 1986)
- Genuine Unauthorized Goods, *EIPR - European Intellectual Property Review*, Vol. 8, Issue 3 (March 1986 )
- Selecting Foreign Countries for Patent Coverage, *Journal of the Patent and Trademark Office Society*, Vol. 68, No. 2 (February 1986 )
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- The Declining Use of Patent Oppositions, *IIC-International Review of Industrial Property & Copyright Law*, Max-Planck Institute for Foreign & International Patent, Copyright and Competition Law, Vol. 16, No. (1985)
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- Foreign Patent Litigation, *Patents, Copyrights, Trademarks and Literary Property Course Handbook Series*, No. 171, Practising Law Institute (1983)

### Books

- Co-author, *The Practitioner's Guide to the PCT*, American Bar Association, Section of Intellectual Property Law (April 24, 2013)
- *Global Intellectual Property Series*, No. 366, Practising Law Institute (October 1993)
- *Global Intellectual Property Series*, No. 34, Practising Law Institute (October 1992)

### Speaking Engagements & Presentations

- Industry Trilateral Meeting | London, United Kingdom (December 8–10, 2015)
- Presenter | PCT Filing and International Prosecution | Patent Prosecution Boot Camp | Washington, DC (October 21, 2015)
- Presenter | Global Intellectual Property Systems: Protecting Your Inventions Internationally Using the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) | Seminar on WIPO Services and Initiatives | New York, New York (September 17, 2015)
- Speaker | IP5 Global Dossier: A New Era in Global Patent Prosecution? | IP5 Dossier: A New Era in Global Patent Prosecution? | Webinar (April 2, 2015)



- Presenter | PCT Filing and International Prosecution | PCT Filing and International Prosecution | Webinar (April 1, 2015)
- Panelist | Global Patent Prosecution - Current and Future USPTO and JPO Initiatives | 30th Annual Intellectual Property Law Conference | Bethesda, Maryland (March 26, 2015)
- Industry Trilateral Meeting | Brussels, Belgium (September 20, 2014)
- Speaker | 2014 Global Network of National IP Practitioner Associations Summit | Toronto, Ontario (September 18, 2014)
- Speaker | Global Patent Prosecution: Comparing Europe, China, and US Law & Practice | Webinar (August 28, 2014)
- Speaker | Global Patent Prosecution: Comparing Europe, China, and US Law & Practice | Webinar (August 27, 2014)
- Presenter | AIPLA 2014 Practical Patent Prosecution Training for New Lawyers | Arlington, Virginia (August 7–8, 2014)
- Panelist | AIPLA 18th Annual Patent Cooperation Treaty Seminar | Arlington, Virginia (July 24–25, 2014)
- Panelist | AIPLA 18th Annual Patent Cooperation Treaty Seminar | Westminster, Colorado (July 21–22, 2014)
- Presenter | Patenting Computer Related Inventions in the US and Understanding the New US Patent Law | Tel-Aviv, 68125, Israel (December 22, 2013)
- Presenter | PCT Filing & International Prosecution | PCT Filing & International Prosecution | 2013 Practical Patent Prosecution Training for New Lawyers | Alexandria, Virginia (August 22–23, 2013)
- Panelist | AIPLA 17th Annual Patent Cooperation Treaty Seminar | Alexandria, Virginia (July 25–26, 2013)
- Panelist | AIPLA 17th Annual Patent Cooperation Treaty Seminar | St Paul, Minnesota (July 22–23, 2013)
- Presenter | An Alignment of Interests: Determining the Impact of Patent Harmonization Efforts on IP Protection | American Conference Institute's Advanced Summit on Global Patenting Strategy and Practice | New York, New York (July 15–16, 2013)
- Speaker | What Small Inventors Need to Know About the American Invents Act | Webinar (July 11, 2013)
- Presenter | Comparing Patent Prosecution & Enforcement Across Multiple Foreign Jurisdictions | NYIPLA Annual Meeting | New York, New York (May 21, 2013)
- Moderator | Small Claims Patent Court: Does the US Need It? | AIPLA 2013 Spring Meeting | Seattle, Washington (May 1, 2013)



- Speaker | 16th Annual Patent Cooperation Treaty Seminar | Alexandria, Virginia (July 23–24, 2012)
- Speaker | Comprehensive Patent Cooperation Treaty Seminar | New York, New York (March 21–22, 2011)
- Speaker | PCT Filing & International Prosecution | AIPLA Practical Patent Prosecution Training for New Lawyers | Alexandria, Virginia (August 25–27, 2010)
- Speaker | The Supreme Court's Reshaping of the IP Landscape in Recent Years | Webinar (August 4, 2010)
- Speaker | 14th Annual Patent Cooperation Treaty Seminar | Alexandria, Virginia (July 26–27, 2010)
- Speaker | Managing Multi-Country Patent Litigation | Webinar (July 14, 2010)
- Panelist | The Bilski Effect: Recent and Potential Sea Changes for Statutory Subject Matter | 4th Annual Patent Law Institute | New York, New York (March 1–2, 2010)
- Speaker | The Supreme Court's Reshaping of the IP Landscape in Recent Years | Mid-Winter Institute of the American Intellectual Property Law Association | La Quinta, California (January 27–30, 2010)
- Speaker | Coordination of National and International Phase of PCT Applications | United States Patent and Trademark Office Public Hearing | Washington, DC (January 13, 2010)
- Speaker | ACI Foreign Patent Law & Regulation Conference | New York, New York (December 7–8, 2009)
- Speaker | Aligning Patent Strategies with Global Corporate Business Plans | Chicago, Illinois (September 16, 2009)
- Speaker | Practical Patent Prosecution Training for New Lawyers | AIPLA Patent Prosecution Boot Camp | Alexandria, Virginia (August 26–28, 2009)
- Speaker | Updates and Strategies for PCT Searching and Searching Authorities (August 5, 2009)
- Speaker | International Patent Prosecution: Foreign Filing Strategies – PCT – PPH – Preparing a Global Patent Application | 2009 Patent Practice Update | San Diego, California (July 20–21, 2009)
- Speaker | 13th Annual Patent Cooperation Treaty Seminar | Arlington, Virginia (July 16–17, 2009)
- Speaker | How PCT Has Been a Success in the United States | Patent Cooperation Treaty for the Americas Colloquium | Miami Beach, Florida (November 18, 2008)
- Panelist | Intellectual Property Rights in the U.S. and Israel: Identification, Protection and Key Considerations in Enforcement | Tel Aviv, Israel (July 16, 2008)



- Speaker | Fast Track Patenting | Multilateral Patents Workshop | San Francisco, California (June 23, 2008)
- Member of the Faculty | Twelfth Annual Intellectual Property Law Practice for Paralegals | New York, New York (June 10–13, 2008)
- Presenter | PCT Strategies | Webinar (April 9, 2008)
- Presenter | 6th Technical Working Group on Formal Aspects of Patent Applications | Alexandria, Virginia (November 6, 2007)
- Speaker | Asia-Pacific Seminar on the Evolving Role of the Intellectual Property System | Daejeon, Republic of Korea (September 5–7, 2007)
- Speaker | AIPLA 2007 Advanced Patent Cooperation Treaty Seminars | Baltimore, Maryland (July 16, 2007)
- Presenter | Examination Problems Encountered by US Applicants in the United States Patent and Trademark Office | Amsterdam Colloquium: A Comprehensive Approach to Patent Quality | Schiphol-Rijk (June 8–9, 2007)
- Panelist | Coordinating Your Global Patents Effectively and Efficiently: Pre-and Post-Patent Filing Strategies | International Patent Strategies | New York, New York (November 15–16, 2006)
- Panelist | Using Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) to File Foreign Patent Application | International Patent Practice Fundamentals: The Essentials of Filing and Enforcement in Foreign Jurisdictions | New York, New York (November 14, 2006)
- Presenter | PCT Filing and International Prosecution | Practical Patent Prosecution Training for New Lawyers | Arlington, Virginia (August 11–13, 2004)
- Moderator | Securing IP Rights Abroad | ABA-IPL Section Spring CLE Program | Washington, DC (April 11–12, 2002)