# INTELLECTUALPROPERTY LAWCOMMITTEEBUSINESS LAW SECTION

**THEFLORIDABAR**

MEETING MINUTES – 8th Annual IP Symposium Meeting

March 30, 2017, Sonesta, Ft. Lauderdale Beach

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Attendees: To be circulated after the meeting in an addendum.

1. **WELCOMEANDINTRODUCTIONBYIP COMMITTEE CHAIR**
2. **OLD BUSINESS**
   1. **Introductions**
   2. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes.**Minutes from prior meeting were reviewed and approved.

# NEWBUSINESS

* 1. **IPCertificationUpdate** byJerry Schneider reported that there are 9 people sitting for exam in May. There are 77 currently certified attorneys due to recertify by upcoming deadline in July, or file for an extension.

# LegislativeUpdate –Woody filled in for Mike Colitz and gave the following report on three pending legislative matters:

1. Unmanned Aircraft legislation (CS/HB 1027) - not relevant to IP so the committee will not be taking an action

2. Dangerous Goods / Hazardous Materials Certification (S. 1176) - concerns certification marks from state or USPTO – a task force has been created, led by Bob Kane who has drafted ring a white paper and has proposed changes

3. Protect Florida Small Business Act (SB0750/HB 1069) – Mike Colitz drafted and circulated a white paper, after which the IP committee voted to oppose. A triple motion in opposition has passed

4. Bitcoin – Despite discussion, no legislation has been introduced this year, on hold.

# 8thANNUALINTELLECTUALPROPERTYSYMPOSIUM – We recognized the Steering Committee and invited those interested in participating to let us know via email.

1. **SPONSORS –** Thanks to our sponsors: Keegan and Donato, Cherry Bekaert, and Cozen O’Connor. The committee is encouraged to visit their tables and use their services.
2. **JUDICIAL LIASONS**

If anyone knows of judge with an interest in I.P., let Kimra know. We would like to have a federal judge to serve as IP Committee’s representative to the Business Law Section Judge Scriven expressed interest per Woody. Another Judge possibly interested per Mark Stein.

# STATE TRADEMARK ACT - Dineen to circulate the most recent draft of the State Examiner’s “Manual” as part of an effort she is leading to update it.

# ADJOURNMENT

# Next meeting June 22 in Boca Raton at the Annual Meeting.