

Stay Tuned for the Intellectual Property Section of the Grand Rapids Bar Association

The Intellectual Property Section (IP Section) of the Grand Rapids Bar Association (GRBA) is in its final stages of approval and we are actively finalizing plans for a kick-off event. At this time, it appears that our kick-off event will likely take place in February at a location to be determined. I would like to thank the GRBA members who have expressed an interest in becoming involved in the IP Section thus far, and I would also like to thank the administrative staff of the GRBA that has helped coordinate the formation of this section. The IP Section of the

GRBA is being formed to bring together not only Grand Rapids attorneys that practice solely within the confines of Intellectual Property Law (IP Law), but to also bring together local practitioners that have a general interest in IP Law or have clients in need of IP counseling. The IP Section is looking to provide forums for discussion on current IP topics that affect this area of practice. As noted in the pending section

bylaws, this Section is also looking to provide a structured form in which members may pursue interests which are compatible with the GRBA's purpose and responsibilities as well as create a mechanism for members to become involved in the GRBA's overall activities. This Section seeks to provide opportunities for section members to meet and interact through regularly scheduled meetings, social events, newsletters, and email discussion groups. I highly encourage Grand Rapids attorneys from all areas of expertise to come together for the GRBA IP Section kick-off event in February to meet and interact with the local IP practitioners and get a sense of where the world of IP Law is headed.

If you have any questions about the IP Section of the GRBA or are looking to be involved in any specific way, please feel free to contact me at any time at awong@priceheneveld.com. I look forward to seeing you in February. ■

Sincerely,

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