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# Master Class in Patent Law and Practice in China

September 10-14, 2007, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

## Master Class IP 429-I

**Taught by Dr. Lulin Gao**

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### The Course: Patent Law and Practice in China

At the end of the 1970s, following the adoption of reforms that open China to greater influence, the country began to build up a patent system. The Patent Law of the People's Republic of China (the "Chinese Patent Law") was enacted in 1985, and has since undergone two amendments, one in 1992 and a second in 2000. During the 20 years after the promulgation of the Chinese Patent Law, China has remarkably improved its patent system with respect to legislation, administration, and enforcement. The Chinese patent system is now in conformity with the requirements of the TRIPS Agreement.

This special master class focuses on the introduction of current Chinese Patent Law from the following perspectives: (1) the development of Chinese patent law through its two revisions; (2) a comparison of Chinese patent law, U.S. patent law and

the TRIPS Agreement; (3) some important Chinese patent-related cases; (4) administrative and judicial routes for patent dispute settlement; (5) proposals for multinational companies in acquiring and enforcing patent rights in China; and (6) ideas for further improvement of the Chinese patent system. This course also contains a general discussion of current trademark and copyright laws and practice.

Today, China has become a major international market and production center. With China's accession to the WTO, foreign companies are recognizing the importance of protecting their IP rights in China. This course will give U.S. legal professionals and students a better understanding of the current Chinese IP system (especially the patent system) in order to help them to build a strong IP portfolio and to use IP rights to create value in China.

### The Instructor: Dr. Lulin Gao

Dr. Gao worked for many years in public office in the field of intellectual property protection in China and has been very active in the intellectual property and information technology areas. During the course of his career, he has held the positions of Commissioner of the Chinese patent office and the founding Commissioner of the State Intellectual Property Office, China. He was a senior advisor to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva for roughly two years. Dr. Gao is currently the Honorary President of All-China Patent Agents Association, vice chairman of the China Internet Society, and a member of the Steering Committee of the China Internet Network Information Center. In 2002, he founded an IP specialized law firm, East IP, in Beijing and became its chairman. He also serves as an International Advisory Board Member of the International Intellectual Property Institute (IIPI).

Dr. Gao has headed numerous delegations for the Chinese government at many international forums and diplomatic conferences on intellectual property. He has also held the chair of the Paris Union Assembly and the WIPO General Assembly. In 1995, he was given the Grand Star Cross by the German government for his remarkable contributions to the field of IP



protection and international cooperation, and in that same year, the European Patent Office awarded him the International Cooperation Medal for his contributions to the IP field. He helped found the Intellectual Property Institution at Peking University and has published numerous works on patent prosecution and litigation, licensing, IPR protection, the TRIPS Agreement and domain names. He was invited to teach IP law at numerous universities, including Peking University.

Dr. Gao is an intellectual property expert, with a strong technology background. His Bachelor of Science is in prospecting technology, and he earned a Ph.D. in the same area from one of the top schools in the former Soviet Union. For many years, he worked in research institutes, ministries, at the State Planning Commission, and the State Economic Planning Commission as Director General of the Science and Technology Department, and is one of the top technology specialists. Although in later years the major thrust of his career shifted to intellectual property issues, he has remained active in the technology field. He is an attorney in the PRC, where he specializes in patent law. He also is a professor and engineer and was elected a fellow at the Russian International Academy of Engineering. Dr. Gao speaks Chinese, English and Russian.