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Brinks Gilson & Lione Patent Attorney Marc V. Richards Elected Treasurer of AIPPI-US

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CHICAGO—Marc V. Richards, a patent attorney and shareholder in the Chicago office of intellectual property law firm Brinks Gilson & Lione, has been elected to a one-year term as treasurer of the AIPPI-US Division of AIPLA, the United States group of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property.

Richards, a trained engineer who has more than 20 years of legal experience and is a widely respected authority on patent-related issues, has been actively involved in the leadership of AIPPI. He currently serves on its Patents Standing Committee, and recently completed a two-year term as a member of the AIPPI-US steering committee, the group's governing board. Richards also served as international chair of AIPPI's Q217 working committee for the organization's 2011 forum and executive committee meeting in India, and as U.S. group chair of the Q213 working committee at the 2010 AIPPI World Intellectual Property Congress in France.

Richards is co-chair of Brinks' post-grant patent practice and of its chemicals, energy and agriculture practice. He focuses on patent prosecution and litigation, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office adversarial proceedings, and global patent portfolio management for technologies related to software, business methods, materials science, pharmaceuticals, and hydrocarbon and chemical processing. Richards also counsels clients on patent infringement and invalidity investigations, licensing, and trade secret matters.

AIPPI (*Association Internationale pour la Protection de la Propriété Intellectuelle*) is an international organization founded in 1887 after the signing of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property. It counts more than 8,000 members from more than 100 countries.

AIPPI is comprised of businesses, executives, lawyers, educators, patent and trademark agents, intellectual property owners, and others interested in the elimination of unfair trade practices and the worldwide protection of patents, designs, trademarks, trade names, know how, goodwill, copyright, and other intellectual property rights. The organization strives to advance the development, expansion, and improvement of international and regional treaties and agreements, as well as national laws. More information is at <http://www.aippi-us.org>.

AIPLA (*American Intellectual Property Law Association*), founded in 1897, is a national bar association constituted primarily of lawyers in private and corporate practice, government service, and the academic community involved in the practice of patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret, and unfair competition law, as well as other fields of law affecting intellectual property. More information is at <http://www.aipla.org>.

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