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BSKB 2012 Seminar Dates Announced

Falls Church, VA, October 24, 2011 – Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP (BSKB) announced today the 2012 dates for two of its annual seminars. The 21st annual **U.S. Trademark Practice Seminar** will be held **April 16 through April 20, 2012**. The 30th annual **Summer Patent Seminar** will be held **June 6 through June 29, 2012**.

The one-week U.S. Trademark Practice Seminar addresses all aspects of trademark practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") and the courts. Beginning with a basic overview of trademark practice, including the preparation of trademark applications, the week continues with increasingly advanced subjects, such as practice before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, licensing, *inter partes* matters including opposition and cancellation proceedings, and the enforcement of trademark rights in the federal and state courts. Participation in the U.S. Trademark Practice Seminar is recommended for non-U.S. attorneys, agents and trademark administrators and U.S. corporate counsel looking to develop a thorough understanding of U.S. trademark law. Advertising agency and other media representatives interested in the proper use of trademarks are also encouraged to attend.

BSKB's Summer Patent Seminar will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2012. This prestigious seminar provides a comprehensive overview of the U.S. patent system including preparing, prosecuting, interpreting and enforcing patents. The program also covers more complex issues such as litigation and interference practice. Classes are taught by knowledgeable and experienced IP professionals and the seminar focuses on practical problems encountered in obtaining and enforcing U.S. patents. With the recent signing into law of the America Invents Act, U.S. patent law has changed dramatically. Foreign patent practitioners and U.S. corporate counsel will gain valuable knowledge on the U.S. patent system and the impact of the new laws on U.S. patent practice.

BSKB's seminars have included participants from the U.S., Asia, Europe, the Middle East and South America. In addition to the academic component, the seminars offers foreign participants the chance to experience American culture, and U.S. participants are afforded the opportunity to learn about the customs represented by our foreign constituents. Enrollment in the seminars is limited and includes outings to popular Washington, D.C. landmarks, sporting, and social events. Application deadlines and registration information can be found under the Seminars section on BSKB's website.

About BSKB

Founded in 1976, BSKB is a nationally recognized intellectual property law firm with offices in Falls Church, VA and San Diego, CA. The firm has a premier trademark department and offers IP services that include patent prosecution, interference, re-examination and litigation. For more information, please see the firm's website at bskb.com

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