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The Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit is approaching its 30th anniversary as the focal point of patent law policy in the United States. Many praise the Court for its role in unifying and strengthening patent law doctrine. Others challenge the Court’s formalism and argue that a doctrine-specific solitary circuit leads to systematic failures in the development of the law.

In many ways, the Court is operating in a power vacuum, with the U.S. Patent Office denied authority to substantively develop the law and Congress regularly withholding its guidance. Over the past few years, the Supreme Court has taken a more active role in deciding patent cases, but will that increased interest alter the jurisprudence of the Federal Circuit beyond the doctrinal holdings of the High Court?

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Presented by David Kappos, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office

STRUCTURE AND JURISPRUDENTIAL APPROACH OF THE COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT 8:30 AM
Does the Court have a jurisprudential approach? How does the structure of the Court impact the development of the law? How does intra-circuit competition and factionalism impact these questions?

EARL F. NELSON LECTURE 10:15 AM
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THE COURT’S ROLE IN DEVELOPING PATENT LAW POLICY 1 PM
What should the Court’s role be in deciding questions of innovation policy? Where does the Court sit vis-à-vis other potential policymaking bodies such as the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Congress, the Supreme Court, the Federal Trade Commission and the Food and Drug Administration?

THE COURT’S IMPACT ON INNOVATION, INDUSTRY AND THE PRACTICE OF LAW 3:15 PM
Do the Court’s decisions have an actual impact on the level of innovation in society? How should patent practitioners treat the Court when drafting and prosecuting patents that likely will not be enforced for more than a decade? Are we concerned with major fluctuations in the law prompted by the Court?