



RESOLUTION AND TRIBUTE TO THAD CHALOEMTIARANA

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BE IT REMEMBERED, on this 4th day of August 2023, that the membership, leadership, and staff of the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law unanimously proclaim the following:

RESOLVED, that the Section expresses its deep appreciation to Thad Chaloehtiarana for his service as Section Chair for the 2022-2023 Association year.

Thad Chaloehtiarana's leadership has been characterized by purpose, vision, and commitment that resulted in productive action and collaboration. His dedication

and energy enabled the Section to continue to grow in service to members, in advancing the interests of the profession, and in championing the public interest with fair and effective IP laws.

Here are just some of Thad's achievements during his successful year:

Thad built, led, and inspired a team of expert volunteer members to work with him in carrying out advocacy and actions that resulted in sustainability of the Section's work. He presided over balanced discussions of complex, sometimes difficult, and often controversial issues, while he encouraged collaboration and consensus.

Among the initiatives that Thad led successfully were letters to U.S. Senators regarding the Patent Eligibility Restoration Act and the Pride in Patent Ownership Act; and multiple letters to the USPTO on a variety of important patent and trademark related topics; and on AI and Inventorship and NFTs. Letters were also submitted to the FTC and the Department of Commerce on issues important to intellectual property law.

Under Thad's leadership, the American Bar Association filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of the Section of Intellectual Property Law in the *Abitron v. Hetronic* case, in support of the respondent, asking the Court to clarify the standards used by lower courts in applying the federal Lanham Act to trademark disputes that cross international borders.

Thad is recognized throughout the Section for his tireless efforts to strengthen ABA-IPL visibility, diversity, and stature within the Association and to external constituencies. His vigor and enthusiasm inspired his peers in other ABA entities and Association leadership.

In Thad's year, the ABA-IPL books portfolio grew to over 70 titles and the Section's award-winning flagship *Landslide*® magazine completed 15 years of publication. Thad worked to ensure that the Section develop a well-sponsored in-person Annual Section Meeting this year— consisting of outstanding educational programming, networking opportunities, and governance meetings. In articulating

the need for strategic planning and greater visibility for our activities and programming, he oversaw the development of the sixth IP Fall Institute as a continuing virtual program in September.

Thad led the Section with great purpose, focus, and energy while celebrating his team of volunteers who made the work possible.

Thad's record of service and action will continue to benefit the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law for years to come.

NOW THEREFORE, the Section hereby proclaims its sincere appreciation to Thad Chaloeintiarana for his outstanding contributions as Section Chair.
