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## JANUARY 2004 AIPLA MEETING

### *2004 Officer Elections*

Date: Thursday, January 22, 2004

Location: Green Pastures

811 W. Live Oak St.

Austin

11:30 a.m. – Registration

Noon – Luncheon and Election

Cost: \$30.00 for members (pre-paid)

Cost: \$35.00 for non-members (pre-paid)

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Please RSVP by January 16, 2004

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FEBRUARY 19, 2004**

### AIPLA MEETING

**PROACTIVE TRADE DRESS/TM  
PROTECTION SEMINAR**

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## USPTO NEWS

### **Jon Dudas Becomes Acting USPTO Director**

Jon W. Dudas became Acting Director of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on January 12, 2004. Director James Rogan's resignation was effective on January 9, 2004. Dudas served as Deputy Director under Rogan and before that was a senior aide to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. Dudas began his Capitol Hill career as counsel to the House IP subcommittee and also worked for a Chicago law firm.

### **IBM CORP. RECEIVES MOST 2003 PATENTS**

On January 9, 2004 the USPTO announced the top 10 companies receiving U.S. patents in 2003. They were, with numbers of patents in parentheses: IBM Corp. (3,415), Cannon K.K. (1,992), Hitachi, Ltd. (1,893), Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. (1,786), Hewlett-Packard Development Co. (1,759), Micron Technology, Inc. (1,707), Intel Corp. (1,592), Philips Electronics N.V. (1,353), Samsung Electronics Co. (1,313), and Sony Corp. (1,311).