

AUSTIN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW ASSOCIATION

NOMINATION FOR OUTSTANDING INVENTOR(S)

INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete the attached form (Sections I, II and III) with information that will help the Selection Committee evaluate your nomination for the Austin Intellectual Property Law Association's 2010 Outstanding Inventor Award. **The selection of a nominee for this Award will hinge primarily upon facts set out in Section I below.** However, please note the following considerations:

- 1 Our emphasis is on inventions and inventors having a substantial nexus with Central Texas. Therefore, at least one (and preferably most) of the inventors named in a U.S. patent or patents for which a nomination is submitted, should be resident in the Central Texas region. Preferably, the patent grant will indicate that residency. While the invention may have been conceived before a nominee moved to Central Texas, our preference is for inventive activity having a substantial nexus with Central Texas. Therefore, you may wish to provide additional information if that nexus is not clear.
- 2 When you identify a U.S. patent or patents in a nomination, please include a brief summary of the invention(s) and its (their) impact. Please indicate any economic or commercial success. If applicable, please summarize any Central Texas impact (e.g., products, services, licenses, design wins, job/business growth, etc.) at least partially attributable to the invention(s)/patent(s).
- 3 All nominations should be based on U.S. Patents, although you may wish to bring foreign rights to the attention of the Committee. Both in-force and expired U.S. Patents will be considered; however, in the case of an expired patent, please describe at least some impact within the last five (5) years. Nominations may include inventions listing additional inventors who do not live in the Central Texas area. Please append copies of the relevant U.S. Patent(s) and any applicable visual aids.
- 4 Finally, please identify any known litigation, interference, or other proceedings that involve, or have involved, the invention(s) or patent(s). Inventions that are closely related (including those related by claim of priority) to subject matter currently in litigation or for which re-examination, reissue or interference proceedings are pending will not be considered. Patents which have been held unenforceable or invalid will not be considered.

Only members of the Austin Intellectual Property Association may submit or sponsor nominations. Multiple nominations may be made by the same member. Each nomination should be submitted as a single electronic file.

ALL NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 27, 2010.

The winner(s) will be recognized at the Annual Judges Dinner, **November 12, 2010**. Please e-mail nominations to Selection Committee at ioy@austin-ipla.org.

Section I. Invention(s) forming the Basis of the Nomination

Please include additional pages if necessary.

1. U.S. patent(s) for which the nomination is being made:

2. Known litigation, interference, reexamination or other proceeding involving patent or invention:

3. Specific contribution or impact of the invention(s) significant to Texas, Austin, or the surrounding community:

Section III. Nominator(s) (Please insert additional pages if necessary)

1. Name and address of each Austin Intellectual Property Law Association member who is nominating or sponsoring the named inventor, including business affiliation.

Name _____

Business Affiliation _____

Address _____

2. Date of submission of this nomination.

3. Signature(s) or E-signature(s) of Nominator(s)
