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The Intellectual Property Program at the SMU Dedman School of Law celebrated its tenth anniversary with a symposium on *Emerging Intellectual Property Issues: The Federal Circuit and Patent Law* on Friday, March 22, 2013. The symposium focused on the Federal Circuit's unique role in the development of the nation's patent law. The symposium brought together Judges Raymond C. Clevenger, III, Timothy B. Dyk, and Sharon Prost of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; Graham Stuart, USPTO Former Chief Economist and Current Expert Advisor, legal scholars from NYU, Duke, University of Texas, University of North Carolina, Wake Forest, and SMU; and leading patent practitioners from McKool Smith, Jones Day, and Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. Mr. Bernard J. Knight, Jr., General Counsel, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, delivered the luncheon keynote address.

The organizers of the symposium are pleased to mark the celebration with a companion publication of articles submitted by the legal scholars and practitioners. These insightful articles timely evaluate and examine the evolving role of the Federal Circuit in the development of patent law and policy, and the Federal Circuit's relationship with the Supreme Court and USPTO.

The organizers thank the SMU Law Review for its work on this very special symposium issue.

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