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CANADA'S PATENT OFFICE TOLD TO GET WITH THE TIMES - AMAZON.COM'S BUSINESS METHOD PATENT APPLICATION SENT BACK FOR RE-EXAMINATION

By Eugene F. Derenyi

In the latest chapter of a twelve-year patent battle over whether business method patents should be granted in Canada, the Federal Court of Appeal has ordered the Canadian Patent Office to review its refusal to grant a patent for Amazon.com's "one-click" internet shopping ordering method.

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WHAT'S IN A (DOMAIN) NAME?

By Nancy A. Miller

The Ontario Court of Appeal recently released a landmark decision in *Tucows.Com Co. v. Lojas Renner S.A.*, 2011 ONCA 548, which supplied an answer to the long standing question as to whether a domain name is personal property of its owner.

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WEB CRAWLING, SAMPLING, HYPERLINKING AND INDEXING: IS THERE STILL COPYRIGHT ON THE INTERNET?

By Nancy A. Miller

In an important decision recently released by the Supreme Court of British Columbia, in *Century 21 Canada Limited Partnership v. Rogers Communications Inc.*, 2011 BCSC 1196, the Court reminded business owners that the Courts are still willing to enforce copyright on the Internet. Zoocasa, a subsidiary of Rogers Communications, operated a website which indexed real estate property listing from multiple websites, and in doing so, copied and indexed property descriptions and photographs from a Century 21 operated website.

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DUE DILIGENCE FOR COMPLEX IP AND IT TRANSACTIONS

By Colleen Spring Zimmerman

The importance of performing a complete and accurate due diligence investigation in a business transaction that involves intellectual property ("IP") cannot be understated. Recently Nortel put its patent portfolio on the auction block, selling more than 6,000 patents covering every corner of the mobile computing and telecommunications landscape for \$4.5 billion. Of the 105 companies Nortel approached leading up to the auction, 40 conducted due diligence on the patents.

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