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Editorial Note

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This journal has been included in the SCOPUS and WESTLAW citation databases since 2015. This shows our continuous efforts in keeping the standard and quality of our academic publications and increases the visibility of the articles published in it. We would like to express our appreciation to all the authors, reviewers, editors, and advisors of this journal. The editorial board welcomes submissions from legal, managerial, or interdisciplinary areas related to IP issues from all over the world. In order to cover all aspect IP issues, we do not limit the scope of this journal to any single jurisdiction.

In this issue, the selected articles are derived different jurisdiction and intellectual property rights area. In Dr. Palapan Kampan and Dr. Adam R. Tanielian's article, they conduct a complete review based on analysis of cases, law, and rules of arbitration on the roots and fruits of faults and problems inherent to ediscovery. The article concludes that arbitration is virtually always a more appropriate dispute resolution method (DRM) than litigation, especially in patent cases due to astronomical cost. Recommendations are made with the view of furthering the cause of arbitration of international disputes. According to Prof. Chin-Lung Lin's research, he pointed out a constant imbalance existence within the legal system, which leads to blunting of intellectual property rights as an effective business competitive weapons, since legal systems are unable to catch up with the speed of industry. Furthermore, this paper uses the economic analysis approach, namely demand/supply and time series, to predict the relationships between binding power and legal effectives in the element of time variable. On the other hand, Prof. Maria Markova's article reveals the requirement for registration of industrial design (Community design, CD) in European Union, such as eligibility, the scope of protection, and procedure. This article provides an insight analysis based on the applicants' and holders' role on the advantages of community design system from administrative and financial viewpoint. Finally, according to Prof. Shang-Yung Yen and Mrs. Yu-Chieh Liang research, they explored the correlation between new product development (NPD) and the technology patent portfolio in the organic silicon industry. They further pointed out the incomplete financial and capital structure, the insufficient human resources, and limited technical resources prevent the SMEs from investing in research and development (R&D), which results in seriously affection the international competitiveness of Taiwanese companies in the organic silicon field.

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