Preliminary Round #1
Q1: 5 points

What company obtained the most issued U.S. patents in 2013?
Q1: 5 points

Answer: IBM.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/business/2014/01/18/most-innovative-companies/4581161/
Q2: 5 points

The famous copyright case Feist v. Rural Telephone Service involved competing phonebooks covering communities in what state?
Q2: 5 points

Answer: Kansas

Q3: 5 points

In what city was the first Taco Cabana located?
Q3: 5 points

Answer: San Antonio, Texas


Google Street View of original Taco Cabana location, captured February 1, 2014
Q4: 5 points

In the famous trade secret case Dupont v. Christopher, involving the aerial photography of a manufacturing plant under construction, what product was the manufacturing plant designed to produce?
Answer: methanol

Source: E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. v. Christopher, 431 F.2d 1012 (5th Cir. 1970)
Q5: 10 points

What book contains the following line: “I knew that a country without a patent office and good patent laws was just a crab, and couldn’t travel any way but sideways or backwards.”
Q5: 10 points

Answer: “A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court” by Mark Twain
In the famous copyright case CCNV v. Reid, what phrase is written on the sculpture’s base? (credit only if exactly correct)
Q6: 10 points

Answer: “And Still There Is No Room At the Inn”
Q7: 10 points

Who is the current Commissioner for Trademarks?
Q7: 10 points

Answer: Deborah Cohn

Source:
http://www.uspto.gov/about/bios/cohn_bio.jsp
Q8: 10 points

Name the pharmacist who invented the Coca-Cola formula
Q8: 10 points

Answer: John Stith Pemberton

Q9: 15 points

Actress Jamie Lee Curtis obtained Patent #4,753,647. What was her invention?

Photo by Alan Light
Q9: 15 points

Answer:

“1. A disposable, integrated, multi-piece infant garment comprising
a diaper including inner and outer sides, with the outer side including an expanse formed of a moisture-impervious material
moisture-impervious means joined to and substantially coextensive with said expanse and forming therewith a moisture-impervious, sealable but selectively openable pocket, and
a removable clean-up wiper contained generally coextensively in said pocket.”

Source:
http://www.google.com/patents/US4753647
Q10: 15 points

Who took this photograph? (credit only if first and last name are correct)
Q10: 15 points

Answer: Napoleon
Sarony

Source: Burrow-Giles Lithographic Co. v. Sarony
111 U.S. 53 (1884)
Q11: 15 points

What year was the International Trademark Association (INTA) formed? (within 2 years)
Q11: 15 points

Answer: 1878 (acceptable range is 1876 to 1880)

Source: http://www.inta.org/About/Pages/Overview.aspx
Q12: 15 points

Who wrote the Second Circuit’s majority opinion in the famous publicity rights case Haelen v. Topps, which is believed to have coined the phrase “right of publicity”?

This right might be called a "right of publicity." For it is common knowledge that many prominent persons (especially actors and ball-players), far from having their feelings bruised through public exposure of their likenesses, would feel sorely deprived if they no longer received money for authorizing advertisements, popularizing their countenances, displayed in newspapers, magazines, busses, trains and subways. This right of publicity would usually yield them no money unless it could be made the subject of an exclusive grant which barred any other advertiser from using their pictures.
Answer: Judge Jerome Frank

Source: Haelan Labs., Inc. v. Topps Chewing Gum, Inc., 202 F.2d 866 (2d Cir. 1953)
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TIEBREAKER
Who is this gentleman? (photo taken 1994)
Tiebreaker #1 Answer

Answer: Judge Giles Sutherland Rich
Tiebreaker #2

Name the California cities that fought in court over the name "Surf City USA"
Tiebreaker #2 Answer

Answer: Huntington Beach and Santa Cruz

What does “CONFU” stand for?
Answer: “Conference on Fair Use”

THE CONFERENCE ON FAIR USE

Final Report to the Commissioner on the Conclusion of the Conference on Fair Use

November 1998
PRELIMINARY ROUND #2
In the famous patentable subject matter case of Diamond v. Chakrabarty, who was the initial assignee of Chakrabarty’s patent?

Q1: 5 points

Answer: General Electric Co.

The famous fair use case Folsom v. Marsh involved the private letters of what person?
Q2: 5 points

Answer: George Washington

Source: Folsom v. Marsh, 9 F.Cas. 342 (C.C.D. Mass. 1841)
What year was the Lanham Act enacted?
Q3: 5 points

Answer: 1946

How long is the statutory post-mortem publicity right in Indiana?
Q4: 5 points

Answer: 100 years

Q5: 10 points

How many patents are known to have been issued by the Confederate States of America (within 2.5%)?
Q5: 10 points

Answer: 266 (acceptable range is 259 to 273)

Source: http://www.myoutbox.net/popchapx.htm
What is the name of the Texaco scientist whose photocopying of Journal of Catalysis articles was examined in the fair use case, American Geophysical Union v. Texaco Inc.? (credit only if first and last name are correct)
Answer: Dr. Donald H. Chickering, II

Source: American Geophysical Union v. Texaco, Inc., 60 F.3d 913 (2d Cir. 1994)
In FY2013, which company submitted the most U.S. trademark applications and also had the most U.S. trademark registrations?
Q7: 10 points

Answer: Mattel

Source: http://www.uspto.gov/about/stratplan/ar/USPTOFY2013PAR.pdf page 220
Q8: 10 points

How many states (excluding territories) have adopted the Uniform Trade Secret Act?
Q8: 10 points

Answer: 47


- Also District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands (no extra credit for these)

- Source:
Q9: 10 + 10 points

For 10 points, how many patent applications were filed with the USPTO in FY 2013 (within 2.5%)? The total includes utility, reissue, plant and design applications.

For 10 more points, of those applications, how many were plant patent applications (within 2.5%)?
Q9: 10 + 10 points

Patent applications: 601,317 (acceptable range is 586,284 to 616,350)

Plant patent applications: 1,320 (acceptable range is 1,287 to 1,353)

Source: http://www.uspto.gov/about/stratplan/ar/USPTOFY2013PAR.pdf  page 192
Q10: 15 points

In the famous copyright fair use case of Harper & Row v. The Nation, what is the first and last name of the Nation’s editor who wrote the infringing story?
Q10: 15 points

Answer: Victor Navasky

Before it was renamed Amazon.com, what was the name of Jeff Bezos’ online retailing company at incorporation?
Q11: 15 points

Answer: Cadabra Inc.

Source: http://www.achievement.org/autodoc/page/bez0int-4
Q12: 15 points

As of February 1, 2014, how many vessel hull design registrations have been made in total (within 2.5%)?
Q12: 15 points

Answer: 538 (acceptable range is 524 to 552)

Source: http://www.copyright.gov/vessels/list/index.html
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TIEBREAKER
Tiebreaker #1

Name as many of the current International Trade Commissioners as you can (no deductions for incorrect names)
Tiebreaker #1 Answer

Answer:
- Shara L. Aranoff
- Meredith Broadbent
- David S. Johanson
- F. Scott Kieff
- Dean A. Pinkert
- Irving A. Williamson, Chairman

Source:
What was the length of a patent’s term in the 1790 Patent Act?
Tiebreaker #2 Answer

Answer: not exceeding 14 years

Source: http://docs.law.gwu.edu/facweb/claw/patact1790.htm
In the Roadrunner/Wile E. Coyote cartoon series, what is the brand name of the Coyote’s typical supplier of goods?
Tiebreaker #3 Answer

Answer: Acme Corporation
For 5 points, which U.S. Supreme Court case first used the phrase “flash of creative genius”?

For 5 more points, who wrote the opinion?
Answer: Cuno Engineering Corp. v. Automatic Devices Corp, 314 U.S. 84 (1941), written by Justice William O. Douglas
Q2: 10 points

What word is in the hot pink boxes?
Q2: 10 points

Answer: "Wallace"
What is the last sentence of Judge Kozinski’s opinion (excluding the appendix) in Mattel v. MCA Records, a/k/a the Barbie Girl opinion? (credit only if exactly correct)
Q3: 10 points

Answer: “The parties are advised to chill”

Source: Mattel v. MCA Records, 296 F.3d 894 (9th Cir. 2002)
In 1879, Auguste Bartholdi was awarded U.S. Patent D11,023 for what famous icon?
Q4: 10 points

Answer: the Statue of Liberty
As of February 4, 2014, how many people have an active license to practice before the USPTO (including both agents and attorneys) (within 2.5%)?
Answer: Total of 42,205 agents & attorneys (10,776 active agents and 31,429 active attorneys).

Acceptable range is 41,149 and 43,261

Source: https://oedci.uspto.gov/OEDCI/query.jsp
Q6: 15 points

As of January 30, 2014, how many “preregistration” copyright registration numbers begin with the letters “PRE”? (within 2.5%)
Q6: 15 points

Answer: 6,854 (acceptable range is 6,682 to 7,026)
Q7: 15 points

Who is the current Chief Administrative Trademark Judge of the TTAB?
Q7: 15 points

Answer: Gerard F. Rogers

Source: http://www.uspto.gov/about/offices/ogc/ttab.jsp
This 1997 movie involved an elaborate confidence scheme to steal a trade secret formula called “The Process”
Q8: 15 points

Answer: The Spanish Prisoner
Q9: 15 points

Name the gentleman on the left or middle

First and last name required.

No extra credit for naming both correctly.

Specify if you are referring to the person on the left or in the middle.
Q9: 15 points

Answer:

- Left = Bernard Bilski
- Middle = Rand Warsaw
- Right = attorney Michael Jakes
- Source: https://www.fsf.org/blogs/community/supreme-court-bilski
Q10: 15 points

In what year was “Nimmer on Copyright” first published?
Q10: 15 points

Answer: 1963

Source: e.g., https://www.law.ucla.edu/faculty/all-faculty-profiles/adjunctslecturers/Pages/david-nimmer.aspx
At the end of FY2013, how many trademark examining attorneys worked at the USPTO? (within 2.5%)
Q11: 15 points

Answer: 409 (acceptable range is 398 to 420)

Source: http://www.uspto.gov/about/stratplan/ar/USPTOFY2013PAR.pdf page 13
Q12: 10 + 10 points

For 10 points, at what law firm did Justice Sotomayor practice IP law?

For 10 more points, name her major IP client at the firm.
Q12: 10 + 10 points

Answer 1: Pavia & Harcourt

Answer 2: Fendi

Source:
Q13: 5 – 35 points

5 points: Name the first Chief Judge of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals

Name other Federal Circuit judges appointed in 1982

- For 10 points, name 3 correctly
- For 20 points, name 6 correctly
  - For the prior 2 point categories, +1 for each correct name and -1 for each wrong name
- For 30 points, correctly name the complete roster, including judges on senior status (with no extra names)
Q13: 5 – 35 points

- Almond, James Lindsay Jr. (1982-1986) (senior)
- Baldwin, Phillip Benjamin (1982-1991)
- Bennett, Marion Tinsley (1982-2000)
- Davis, Oscar Hirsh (1982-1988)
- Friedman, Daniel Mortimer (1982-2011)
- Kashiwa, Shiro (1982-1986)
- Laramore, Don Nelson (1982-1989) (senior)
- Rich, Giles Sutherland (1982-1999)
- Skelton, Byron George (1982-2004) (senior)
- Smith, Edward Samuel (1982-2001)

Source: http://www.fjc.gov/servlet/nGetCourt?cid=17&order=c&ctype=ac&instate=fc
Q14: 20 points

In 2008, how much did the jury award in damages in Adidas America v. Payless Shoesource (within 2.5%)?
Q14: 20 points

Answer: $304.6M (acceptable range is $296.98M to $312.21M)

Q15: 20 points

What was the first country held in violation of the TRIPS Agreement in a trademark case, and for what? (must get both parts correct to score points)
Q15: 20 points

The United States for Section 211 of the Omnibus Appropriations Act (the Cuba embargo)

Source: http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/dispu_e/cases_e/ds176_e.htm
Q16: up to 45 points

The 2 Live Crew song “Pretty Woman” mentions two foods by brand name. 10 points for naming one of the brands; 15 points for naming both.

The song mentions a fictional TV character. 10 points for the character’s name.

20 points for completing this line of the song’s lyrics (must be exactly correct): “Two timin’ woman, now I know…”
Q16: up to 45 points

Answer 1: Rice-a-Roni and Uncle Ben’s
(10/15 points)

Answer 2: Cousin Itt
(10 points)

Answer 3: “the baby ain’t mine” (20 points)

Verse 1: Luke
[Pretty woman] Ha haaa, walkin’ down the street
[Pretty woman] Gir, girl, you look so sweet
[Pretty woman] You, you bring me down to the knees
[Pretty woman] You make me wanna beg please
[O-o-o-o-oh, pretty woman]

Verse 2: Fresh Kid Ice
[Big hairy woman] You need to shave that stuff
[Big hairy woman] You know, I bet it’s tough
[Big hairy woman] All that hair, it ain't legi-i-it
[Cause you look like Cousin I-I-I-I-It]
[Big hairy woman]

Verse 3: Brother Marquis
[Ball-headed woman] Girl, your hair won’t grow
[Ball-headed woman] You got a teeny-weeny afro
[Ball-headed woman] You know, your hair could look nice
[Ball-headed woman] First you got to roll it with rice
[Ball-headed woman]
(spean) Here, lemme get this Uncle Ben’s for ya
Ya know what I’m sayin’? Ha ha! It’s better than Rice-a-Roni!
Ha ha ha ha ha!
[O-o-o-o-oh, ball-headed woman]

Bridge:
(Mr. Mixx) Big hairy woman, come on in ...
(Marquis) And don’t forget your bald headed friend
(Luke) Hey, pretty woman, let the boys jump in-n-n-n!

Verse 4: Mr. Mixx
[Two-timin' woman] Girl, you know you ain’t right
[Two-timin' woman] You was out with my boy last night
[Two-timin' woman] That takes a load off my mind
[Two-timin' woman] Now I know the baby ain’t mine
[O-o-o-o-oh, two-timin' woman]

All:
O-o-o-o-oh, pretty woman!
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TIEBREAKER
Tiebreaker #1

What school hosted the first WPIP?
Tiebreaker #1 Answer

Answer: Tulane University Law School, in Fall 2003
Source: http://www.law.uh.edu/wipip_history/index.html
Tiebreaker #2

What is the first and last name of the individual holding the record for the most US patents issued to him/her in a single day?
Tiebreaker #2 Answer

Answer: Milo G. Kellogg, 125 patents issued on October 26, 1897

Source: http://www.ptos.org-committees/education/trivia.html
What is the first and last name of this elected official?

Credit: Wikipedia
Answer: Frederick Garland "Fritz" Lanham
As of March 3, 2013, how many nations are members of the WTO?

What country was the most recent to join the WTO?
159 members, of which Tajikistan is the most recent

Source: http://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/acc_e/members_brief_e.doc
Tiebreaker #5

For whose benefit, and in what year, was the first Congressional private act extending the term of a copyright enacted?
John Rowlett, for “Rowlett’s Tables of Discount or Interest,” in 1828

Source: An Act to continue a copy-right to John Rowlett, ch. 145, 6 Stat. 389 (May 24, 1828)