

Winston Sponsors SFIPLA's Hot Topics Luncheon

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On October 16, Winston & Strawn's San Francisco office will sponsor The San Francisco Intellectual Property Law Association's Hot Topics Luncheon titled "Functional Claiming: How-To's and Avoiding Pitfalls."

Functional claiming is a topic relevant to patent prosecution and litigation alike. While claims written in functional language may appear broad on their face, in reality they can be interpreted quite narrowly. This presentation will provide guidance on the use of functional patent claims based on Federal Circuit and PTAB decisions, including:

- What claims qualify as functionally claimed;
- How best to use functional claiming, and avoiding the pitfalls; and
- How the use of means-plus-function claim language can impact issues related to:
 - The broadest reasonable interpretation and §103;
 - Nonce terms and §112; and
 - Patent eligibility.

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