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The Hearings Office – An update on practice, procedure and law

Simon Gallagher, Case Manager at the IPONZ Hearings Office and Brian Jones, Assistant Commissioner of Trade Marks, will present a session on the workings and current thinking of the Hearings Office.

The Hearings Office is the arena in which the majority of the quasi-judicial responsibilities of the Commissioner are exercised. Hearings staff become involved in proceedings when an opposition to the grant of a trade mark, patent or design right is filed, when a revocation, rectification or invalidity application is made, or when a hearing is requested. A panel of Assistant Commissioners (Hearings Officers) with a wide range of experience give decisions on matters referred to the Commissioner for hearing.

Topics to be covered will include statistics, revocation, opposition, evidence, extensions of time and recent decisions.

WELLINGTON MEETING: Date: 28 May 2008
Time: 5.30 pm
Venue: Baldwins, Level 14, 342 Lambton Quay, Wellington
Cost: \$20 members, \$25 non members

AUCKLAND MEETING: Date: 29 May 2008
Time: 5.30 pm
Venue: Baldwins, Level 16, HSBC House, 1 Queen Street, Auckland
Cost: \$20 members, \$25 non members

WELLINGTON: RSVP by 26 May 2008

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