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- Artificial Intelligence and Copyright Developments (addressing recent copyright and artificial intelligence decisions involving training data, fair use, and use of copyrighted works in artificial intelligence systems, including Thomson Reuters Enterprise Centre GmbH v. Ross Intelligence).
- Artificial Intelligence and Patent Eligibility Developments (discussing recent decisions addressing patent eligibility for artificial intelligence and machine-learning inventions, including Recentive Analytics, Inc. v. Fox Corp.).
- Artificial Intelligence and Inventorship Guidance (addressing revised United States Patent and Trademark Office guidance confirming that existing inventorship standards apply to AI-assisted inventions and that only natural persons may be named as inventors).
- Artificial Intelligence and Patent Inventorship Developments (discussing recent decisions addressing inventorship issues involving artificial intelligence systems, including Thaler v. Vidal, 43 F.4th 1207 (Fed. Cir. 2022), which held that an inventor under the Patent Act must be a natural person).
- NO FAKES Act of 2025 (addressing proposed federal protection against unauthorized digital replicas of an individual's voice or visual likeness).
- COPIED Act (addressing proposed content-provenance and transparency requirements for synthetic and AI-generated content).
- TRAIN Act (addressing proposed transparency mechanisms for copyright owners to determine whether their works were used to train artificial intelligence models).
- TAKE IT DOWN Act (addressing enacted federal requirements for covered platforms to remove nonconsensual intimate visual depictions, including AI-generated deepfakes).
- Patent Eligibility Restoration Act (addressing proposed changes to patent eligibility doctrine under 35 U.S.C. §

101).