Intellectual Property Rights in the Global Commons Of Space
Overview

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Experience is the best teacher, but the tuition is high.

– Norwegian Proverb

**Intellectual Property (IP)**

- Patents
- Copyrights
- Trademarks
- Trade Secrets
- Licensing

Why you should care:
The parachute analogy
Why This Presentation?

Depth-of-Discussion Metaphor

“Lift” - Version I

Movement of a wing through the air generates a pressure differential that “lifts” the wing.
Why This Presentation?

“Lift” - Version II

(computational fluid dynamics rendering)

(this presentation: Version I)
The Changing Landscape of Space

- Historical perspective behind current space law regime
- Migration of space activity to private enterprise
- “First-Mover” advantages to making “new” space laws
IP Rights in Space

- Tension between space law and IP law
- Impacts of space law on IP rights
- Gaps between IP rights and space law
Why You Should Care

Not Everything Is “New”: Many “Old Rules” Still Apply

• Know your market, your competition and your enforcement options

• Use the Patent Cooperation Treaty, Madrid Agreement and Berne Convention to your full advantage

• Keep your ideas to yourself until you file

• Publish ASAP if you aren’t going to file (i.e., “defensively publish”)
What We *Didn’t* Talk About Today

- Deep-dive resolutions to space-law/IP-law conflicts
- The latest trends in IP law that will affect you
- Comparisons of IP procurement and enforcement laws
- The dilemma of protecting innovation
Take-Aways

- Protecting your IP up-front is and will remain critical
- IP mistakes are bet-the-company costly
- A lot of “IP-play” exists in the joints of modern space law