The Global Standards Wars: Patents, Antitrust and Competition

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NUS Bukit Timah Campus, Block B Level 5, Seminar Room SR5-5

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Abstract
Technical interoperability standards such as Wi-Fi, 4G LTE and USB enable products manufactured by different vendors to work anywhere around the world. But these standards, some of which are covered by thousands of different patents, have given rise to significant global disputes among patent holders and the manufacturers of standardized products. Many of these disputes revolve around the commitments made at standards organizations to license such patents on terms that are “fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory” (FRAND). But what do these terms mean, and who will ultimately decide when there is a disagreement?

About the Speaker

Professor Contreras served for 13 years as Chair and Co-Chair of the Technical Standardization Committee of the American Bar Association’s Section of Science & Technology Law. He is currently a member of the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) Council of Councils, and the Intellectual Property Rights Policy Committee of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). He is a cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School (JD) and Rice University (BA, BSEE) and clerked for Chief Justice Thomas R. Phillips of the Texas Supreme Court.

Programme
4.30pm – 5.00pm : Registration & Tea Break
5.00pm – 6.00pm : Seminar by Professor Jorge Contreras
6.00pm – 6.15pm : Question & Answer Session
6.15pm : End of Seminar

Registration
There is no registration fee for this seminar but seats are limited.

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Closing Date: 09 November 2017 (Thursday) 12 noon

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