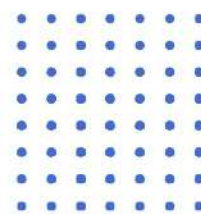




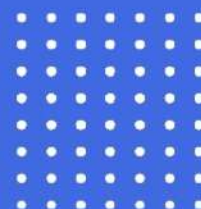
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Thank you for being an integral part of this remarkable journey. I wish you a productive, enriching, and inspiring experience at the **30th IIPLA 2026 USA**.

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09:00 AM – 10:00 AM

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**The Future of Intellectual Property in the AI
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10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Networking Break

10:15 AM – 11:20 AM

SESSION 2

AI-Generated Inventions & Patent Eligibility

Moderator



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11:20 AM – 11:30 AM

KEYNOTE TALK

**A Keynote speech by Masoud Vakili, Co-Founder of
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Speaker



Masoud Vakili

Co-Founder
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11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

SESSION 3

**Copyright, Open Source & AI: Managing Digital IP
Risks in the Age of Generative AI**

Moderator



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12:30 PM – 01:30 PM

Lunch Break

01:30 PM – 02:00 PM

SPECIAL TALK

BRAND PROTECTION BEYOND THE BASICS

Speaker



William Mansfield

Director of Intellectual Property
ABRO Industries, Inc.
USA



02:00 PM – 03:00 PM

SESSION 4

**Brand Protection Against Counterfeiting,
E-Commerce & International Trademark Enforcement**

Moderator



Subroto Bose

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03:00 PM – 04:30 PM

SESSION 5

**SEPs, FRAND, Global Licensing &
Patent Monetization**

Moderator



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SESSION 6

**Cross-Border Patent Enforcement & Global Patent
Portfolio Management**

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10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Networking Break

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

SESSION 7

Trademark Licensing, Brand Valuation, M&A, Due Diligence & Global Brand Expansion

Moderator



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11:15 AM – 11:35 AM

SPECIAL TALK

Immediate Research Assistance

Speaker



Michael T. Yonker

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11:35 AM – 12:35 PM

SESSION 8

Software & AI Patent Portfolio Strategy

Moderator



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Lunch Break

01:35 PM – 02:35 PM

SESSION 9

**Generative AI, Deepfakes, Open Source & AI Model IP
Risk Management**

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02:35 PM – 03:20 PM

SESSION 10

International IP Strategy: Licensing, Enforcement, Portfolio Management & Commercialisation

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SPECIAL TALK

**When the USPTO Violates the MPEP and
Its Own Rules: A Live Case Study**

Speaker



Rohit Chandra

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03:40 PM – 04:30 PM

CLOSING SESSION

Strategic Litigation for Patents, Trademarks & Copyrights

Moderator



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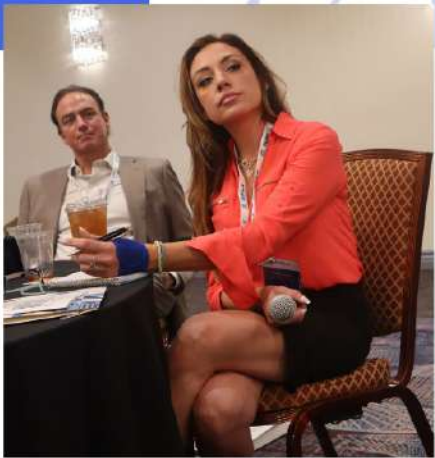
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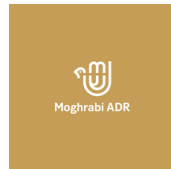
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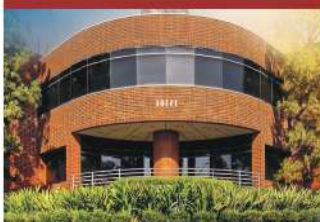
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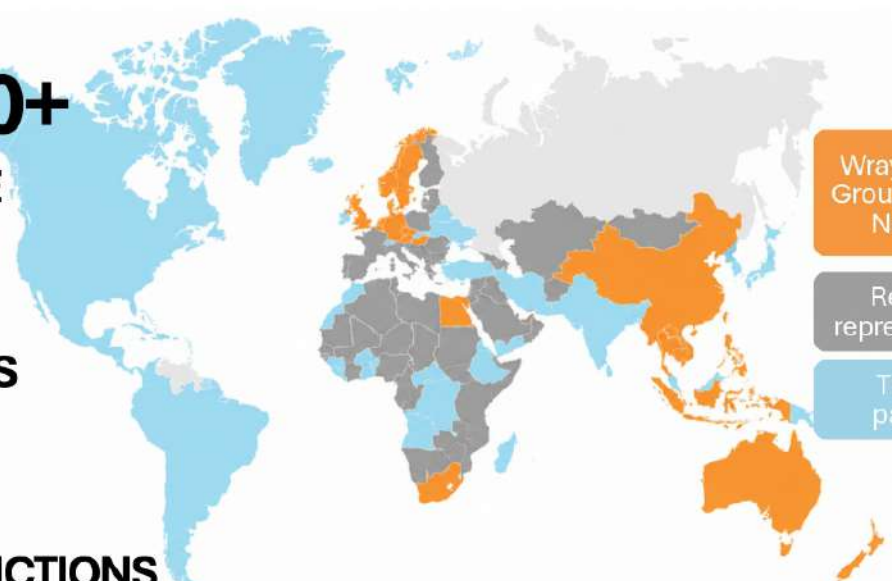
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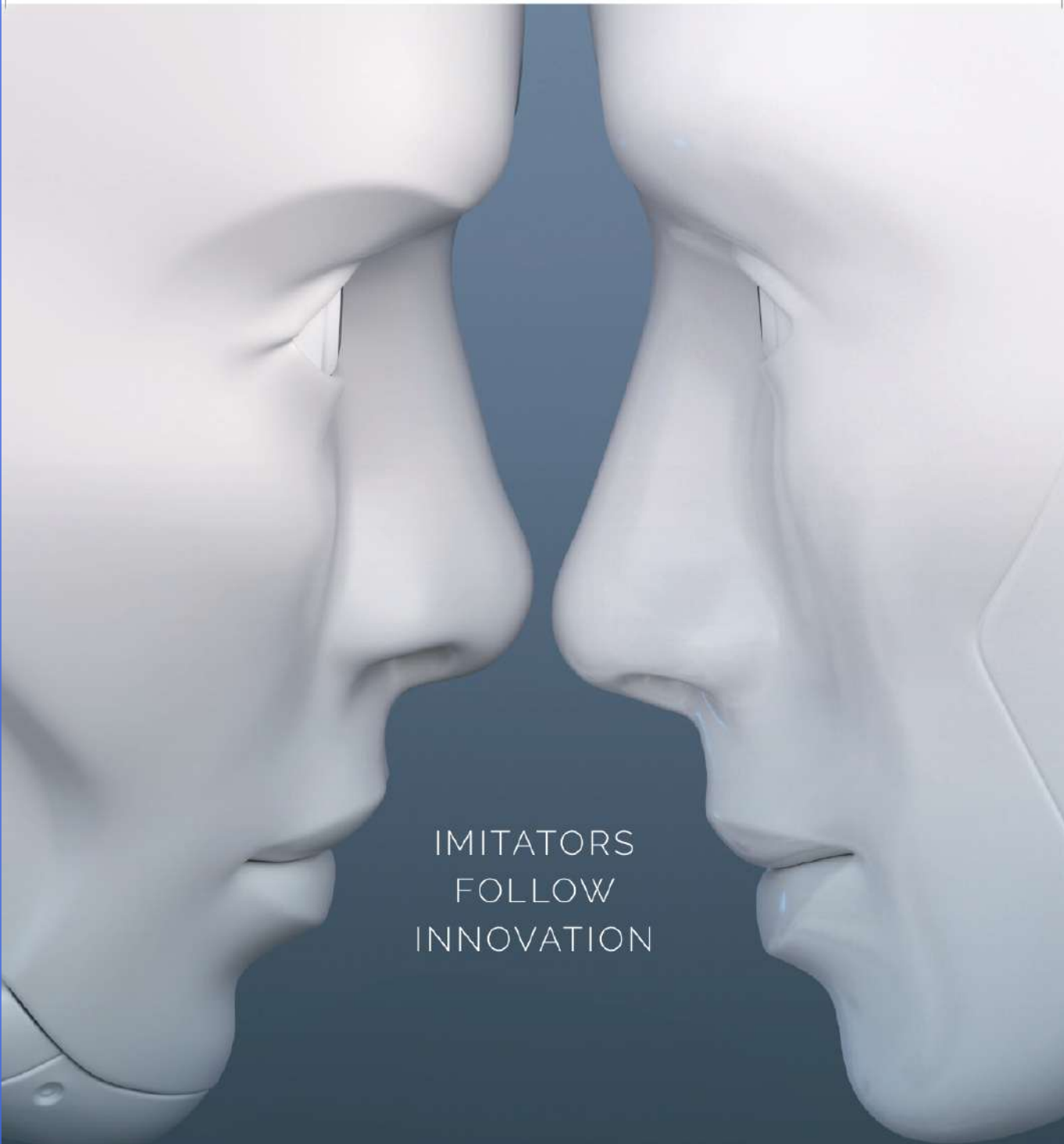
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