

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

World Trade Center Mezzanine, Building 2, 26 SW Salmon, Portland

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This seminar will be worth one and a half (1.5) hours of OSB MCLE Access to Justice credit. Two Washington MCLE credit can be obtained individually. Registrants who miss the seminar may request the handout materials. Sorry, no refunds. Substitutions are welcome; non-members may be subject to an additional fee. Accommodations available for persons with disabilities; please call in advance for arrangements.

"The Slants" Band — Racial Slur or Reclaiming a Stereotype?

In April 2015, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit upheld the US Patent and Trademark Office's decision denying a trademark request by the Portland band "The Slants" on the ground that the term is disparaging to people of Asian descent. Later this year, the court will rehear the case en banc on the issue of whether the bar on registration of disparaging marks in 15 U.S.C. § 1052(a) violates the First Amendment. Join **Parna Mehrbani**, trademark attorney with Lane Powell, **Duane Bosworth**, First Amendment attorney with Davis Wright Tremaine, **Simon Tam**, band member of The Slants, **Frank Garcia**, consultant and former director of diversity and inclusion for the Governor's Office and Oregon State Bar, and **George Nakata**, Japanese-American internment camp survivor, for a panel discussion about this case and its implications.

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