Intellectual Property Law Week

China vs. Google: The Clash of Titans

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The Chinese government, one of the most powerful in the world, seeks control of all information and technology within its borders. The business model of the Internet’s most prolific company, Google, thrives on freedom of information and technology. It was inevitable when Google entered the Chinese market that a conflict would arise, and it has. Increasingly, the Internet policies of China have come into conflict with the intellectual property protections and freedom of speech policies that information technology companies have adopted. Led by Fellow Yutian Ling, this panel will take a comparative look at the development of internet policy, intellectual property law, and open source initiatives in the new China and what the future may hold.

Yutian Ling graduated from the University of British Columbia in Engineering Physics and from the Boston University School of Law. He is currently working at the Matsunaga Institute for Peace and the Institute of Asian-Pacific Business Law as a public interest law fellow, sponsored by the law firm of Ropes and Gray in Boston. Yutian has also worked for the law firm Jones Day in Palo Alto and start-up tech firm D-Wave Systems in Vancouver, BC. His research at the University of Hawaii involves the human rights and business law aspects of Internet censorship in China.