



# PROTECTING YOUR IDEAS:

WHAT EVERY INVENTOR SHOULD KNOW ABOUT  
“FIRST-TO-FILE” AND THE AMERICA INVENTS ACT

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**University Club**

200 E. Brandeis Ave.  
Louisville, KY 40208

**9:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

**Registration and  
continental breakfast  
begin at 8:30 a.m.**

One of the most substantial changes to U.S. Patent Law in history happens on March 16, 2013. This is when the switch from a traditional “first-to-invent” system to “first-to-file” occurs. No longer will the date of invention be treated as paramount; instead the date of filing will be principally used to determine the rights to a patent. Come and hear what the changes really mean, and learn the three things every inventor should know about the new system.

## SPEAKERS

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