Acceptance Speech

(Two minutes)

Intellectual Property Hall of Fame Induction

Field Museum, Chicago, IL — October 24, 2007

What can I say, Ladies & Gentlemen!

Induction into a Hall of Fame would put anyone on Cloud 9, especially if it comes as a complete surprise out of the blue. This could easily go to your head and make you a legend in your own — mind.

This honor and recognition makes me deliriously happy, of course. Therefore, I'm eternally grateful first of all to the IAM Magazine, the IP Hall of Fame Academy and Ocean Tomo for instituting the IP Hall of Fame and staging this induction celebration.

Next, I'm profusely thankful to my wonderful wife, my bride of over 51 years, and my entire family for their fabulous support and encouragement. By the way, my better half pushes me out of the house every morning at the crack of dawn to do battle, slay the dragon and bring home the bacon and that's my secret — plus my longevity.

Last but not least, I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Franklin Pierce Law Center for engaging me almost 20 years ago to teach intellectual property subjects in my second and academic career. This afforded me propitious opportunities to preach the gospel of intellectual property rights and their importance to technological innovation and cultural development in 43 countries around the globe, even including Madagascar and Mongolia, which according to the NY Times are "countries at the end of the world." Not to mention Panama, where I was on a program with a talk defending intellectual property rights and where the organizers and speakers received midnight threats from counterfeiters and pirates.

Again, what can I say! A million thanks for this exceptional honor and recognition.

Karl Jorda