

Calgary Chapter Luncheon Meeting: 2012 SME Series

**The Perils of Disclosure:
*Invention Disclosure and Patent Grace Periods***

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In many jurisdictions, the right to obtain a patent for an invention will be lost if the invention is disclosed publicly before the patent filing date. Innovators and inventors in Alberta – whether in the oil-and-gas industry or not – have to grapple with the issue of prior disclosure and confidentiality if they hope to obtain a patent.

What kind of disclosure is permitted, and what will be fatal to an invention's patentability? Recent decisions in Canada, and developments in U.S. law, shed light on this critical issue.

What do inventors, licensing professionals, counsel, advisors, SMEs and oil-and-gas companies need to know about patent disclosure? The LES luncheon session will address the following topics:

- **What exactly is a public disclosure of an invention?**
- **What about disclosure for regulatory purposes (for example, to the ERCB)?**
- **What about technology that is being field tested?**
- **Grace periods in Canada and the U.S.**
- **Upcoming changes to U.S. grace periods**
- **Grace periods in other jurisdictions**

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Date: **Wednesday, September 26, 2012**

Time: 12:00 noon (informal lunch, 40 minute presentation followed by questions)

Location: Field Law
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