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This year, the University of Pennsylvania's East Asia Law Review hosted its yearly symposium on the subject of intellectual property law, litigation, and business management within East Asia.

Numerous distinguished practitioners from the field, academics, and individuals involved in China's State Administration for Industry & Commerce (SAIC) were in attendance. From discussing attempts from within the US to assert and protect intellectual property rights through the Section 337 actions at the United States International Trade Commission, to evaluation of the history of Chinese patent law from its evolution from the 1980s to the present, students, academics, and practitioners all had the opportunity to engage with both emergent and longstanding issues relating to intellectual property protection, licensing, and general intellectual property related strategy within Asia.

This special symposium edition of the East Asia Law Review contains a selection of papers and speaker's notes presented during the annual symposium, and covers topics such as Section 337 enforcement actions and China's increasing presence as an applicant and respondent in such cases on intellectual property issues; current and historical issues related to attempts of western companies to license and protect intellectual property rights within China; problems posed by intellectual property protection and large scale counterfeiting, and finally, general history of Chinese patent laws.

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