

Implications of *Alice* on Protecting IP when Contracting with the U.S. Government

Tentative Outline

- I. Who is *Alice* and why is the IP world talking about her?
 - a) Overview of 35 U.S.C. § 101 requirement
 - b) Overview of *Alice Corp. v. CLS Bank Int'l*
- II. *Alice*'s impact on the patent landscape.
 - a) Current statistics
 - b) Patent Office guidelines
- III. Why should contractors be concerned about *Alice*?
 - a) Patentee's responses to *Alice*
 - b) Contracting activities making responding to *Alice* difficult for the contractor
- IV. Options available to contractors in considerations of *Alice*.
 - a) Protecting technology developed "outside" of a contract
 - b) Alternatives to patents for technology developed "under" contract