

**The ABA Section of Antitrust Law
Computer & Internet and Federal Civil Enforcement Committees**

Present

**An Update on IP & the Agencies:
N-Data and *Rambus***

A Brownbag Program to be held on
Friday, February 29, 2008
12:00 – 1:30 p.m. EST

In the last few weeks, the Federal Trade Commission has issued a groundbreaking decision at the intersection of antitrust and patent law, *N-Data*. On February 14, the D.C. Circuit will hear argument on the landmark *Rambus* decision. What does this mean for the direction of patent and antitrust law at the agencies? Will this decision have an effect on standard-setting organizations and their participants? In *N-Data*, the FTC alleged a violation of Section 5 as an unfair method of competition and an unfair act or practice, but did not plead a violation of the Sherman Act. Should it have been brought as a Section 2 case? Should Section 5 cases be limited to Sherman Act violations? Will consumer protection doctrines increasingly inform antitrust law?

Please join us for a lively discussion of these and many other issues from the governmental, academic, and private-practice perspectives.

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