

Department of Electrical Engineering Presents a Seminar on

Facing Trade Wars in the Information Age- Trade Secret Protection and the U.S. Economic Espionage Act

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Abstract

US-China trade war is much more than a tariff issue, it is a multidimensional matter of international competitiveness and national security. Since two giants are now in a race of technological supremacy, trade war's central aim is not only the development of new tech, but also the prevention of intellectual property theft. During the past year, legal charges raised by the Department of Justice of the U.S against China included (1) trade secret violation by Huawei, (2) extradition of Ms. Meng Wanzhao, the deputy chairwoman and CFO of Huawei, due to bank fraud in violation of economic sanction against Iran and (3) economic espionage of technology theft by Fujian Jinhua and its Taiwanese Partner United Microelectronics Corporation (UMC). All cases involved in trade secret violations.

This seminar aims at exploring trade war and its relationship to IP protection. By analysing laws and cases, this seminar provides legal advice to protect important research and business information. As knowledge and information are essential both for human endeavour's and corporate efforts, how to balance the non-compete clause for trade secret protection and labour right in workplace is also discussed in the presentation.

Biography

Professor Carol Lin is the Distinguished Professor at National Chiao Tung University (NCTU), Taiwan, and the Chair Professor of Social Justice of NCTU School of Law. Prof. Lin's research focuses on criminal law, white-collar crime, and feminist legal theories. Her publication includes "Reconstructing Gender Justice in Criminal Laws", "Reconstructing Economic Justice in Criminal Law", "Trusted Criminals- White Collar Crimes and Corporate Misconducts", "FCPA and Bribing Foreign Public Officers" and many other periodicals and English law journal papers. Prof. Lin currently serves as the Chief Editor of NCTU Law Review.

Prof. Lin was awarded Fulbright Senior Research Grants in 2011. She has also been voted as Best Teacher Award three times (2009, 2014 and 2019) in NCTU. Her MOOC's course "Love, Sex, and Law" was selected as the Best Online Course by Taiwan's Youtube.

Prof. Lin has been dedicated to social justice and legal reform. She was appointed as judicial reform advisor by the President Tsai of Taiwan. Lin has been the director of legal department in Transparency International Taiwan since 2010. Lin helps to draft legal bills and reform proposals such as domestic violence law, rape law, security fraud, anti-money laundering law, anti-corruption law, whistleblower protection law, trade secret protection law, etc. She was invited as the keynote speaker in APEC Whistleblower Protection Workshop 2017. Lin is a board member of Asian Law and Society Association. Due to her devotion to the community, Lin was elected as the Conference Chair of ALSA Annual Conference in 2017 and hosted this event successfully in Dec. 2017.

Prof. Lin obtained her LL.B. and LL.M. degrees from National Taiwan University College of Law. She received her second LL.M degree and S.J.D. degree from Duke University School of Law, United States. She joined NCTU School of Law in 2005 and was awarded as University Distinguished and Law School's Chair Professor in the spring of 2017.

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