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PAR November luncheon

The Paralegal Association of Rochester on Nov. 19 hosted a luncheon featuring attorney Katherine H. McGuire, a partner at Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP and chairwoman of the firm's Intellectual Property Department, who spoke on copyrights, patents and trademarks.

McGuire discussed the three different types of U.S. Patents — Utility, Design and Plant — and explained the process and conditions that are required to

obtain a patent before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The discussion, held at the First Federal Conference Center, also included information on trademarks and copyrights; common law trademark use and the registration process, as well as the ways by which trademark protections can be lost.

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