

Eastern New York Intellectual Property Law Association

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Local Inventors Named Inventors of the Year

The Eastern New York Intellectual Property Law Association has awarded the 2011 Inventor(s) of the Year Award to International Business Machines (IBM) scientists Drs. Alfred Grill and Stephen M. Gates, and the honorable Vishnubhai V. Patel. The award is in recognition of the three inventors' work that led to the issuance of U.S. Patent No. 6,312,793, entitled "Multiphase low dielectric constant material."

This U.S. patent relates to integrated circuit chips manufactured in New York and Vermont by IBM Corp. and its alliance partners. The invention disclosed in this U.S. patent relates to a low dielectric constant, multiphase material which can be used as an interconnect dielectric in integrated circuit chips, and methods for fabricating a multiphase low dielectric constant film utilizing a plasma enhanced chemical vapor deposition technique.

The selection committee consider multiple factors in choosing the inventor(s) in any given year, including for example, creativity, economic value, the difficulty of the problem, the contribution to the well-being of society as a whole and the status and potential impact of the invention. Previous winners' inventions have been drawn from varying technologies, including for example, fuel cell development, gas turbine engineering, pharmaceuticals, analytical, medical and surgical devices, computer software, and high performance ceramic materials.

A Senate proclamation and a plaque will be awarded to this year's recipients at a dinner ceremony on April 14, 2011, 6.30pm – 9pm, at Sir John's (915 North Broadway, White Plains, NY 10603-2405). If you would like to attend the ceremony, please RSVP to Mr. David Aker, Esq. at davidaker@optonline.net at least two days in advance.

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