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Antitrust and Copyright Issues Regarding the Google Book Search Settlement

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This telephonic brown bag program will examine the antitrust and intellectual property issues implicated by the Google book search settlement.

Google's book search program began in 2002 when Google entered agreements with publishers and libraries to scan books and make them searchable on the Internet. While Google contended its limited use of its scans to make books searchable was a permissible fair use under copyright law, some authors and publishers believed Google's book search project infringed their copyrights and brought a class action suit. In 2008, Google and the class of U.S. copyright holders reached a settlement agreement that would allow Google to continue its book search project, provided that Google would also sell digital copies of books whereby authors and publisher could earn royalties. This panel discussion will examine recent commentary and the view of the Department of Justice on the settlement through the lens of antitrust and intellectual property law.

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