

## **PTAB BAR ASSOCIATION CHARTER -- INDUSTRY COMMITTEE**

### **I. VISION**

The PTAB Bar Association (“Association”) seeks to preserve and promote the highest professional and ethical standards among lawyers and stakeholders who appear before the PTAB. The Association is dedicated to helping secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive resolution of every PTAB proceeding, and to maintaining or improving the reputation and stature of the legal profession and community associated with the PTAB. The Association will be economically self-sustaining and work to fulfill its vision through education, outreach, collaboration and advocacy. The Association will serve as an avenue for constructive dialogue between the bar community, the PTAB, and other stakeholders.

### **II. PURPOSE**

We serve the PTAB, helping secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive resolution of every PTAB proceeding by providing conferences, workshops, and committees through which the PTAB and legal community may engage in thoughtful discussions; preserving the highest standards of integrity, honor, professionalism and courtesy among all members; and educating members and practitioners in best practices before the PTAB.

We serve our members, fostering their professional and leadership development; helping nurture and mentor them as they advance within our profession; providing training and continuing education on PTAB-specific developments and best practices; providing career opportunities for young members such as through scholarships; and cultivating a spirit of good fellowship and collegiality among all members.

We serve the public, coordinating pro bono opportunities; enriching the diversity of the PTAB legal community by promoting opportunities for women and other minorities; providing unbiased recommendations on proposed PTAB rules and practices; helping ensure that practitioners before the PTAB act with the highest ethical standards by, for example, proposing rules of conduct before the PTAB.

We provide constructive feedback to the PTAB, on how the PTAB may conduct trial proceedings more effectively including suggestions on PTAB rules, trial practice, best practices

for practitioners and Administrative Patent Judges, and other suggestions that may help secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive resolution of every PTAB proceeding.

### **III. MEMBER VALUES**

- Passionate about supporting the PTAB community
- Dedicated to helping the PTAB secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive resolution of every PTAB proceeding
- Committed to developing a PTAB community that is diverse and collaborative
- Committed to highest standards of professionalism, ethics, and excellence

### **IV. NEXT STEPS**

- Industry Working Group. Formation of an industry working group to assist in the creation of the Association and further obtain legal community support.
- Committees. Formation of various committees. Examples include: membership, fund-raising, conference, industry, pro bono, scholarship, education and training, ethics, and rules committees.

### **V. INDUSTRY WORKING GROUP PARTICIPANTS**

Apple Inc.

Baxter Healthcare Corporation

Google Inc.

Ford Motor Company

LG Electronics

Microsoft Corp.

Samsung

Sony