



PTAB Bar Association 2025 Thought Leader Summit Virginia Agenda

(This Agenda is Subject to Change)

2:00pm-2:15pm

Thought Leader Summit Welcome and Opening Remarks

Lily Rin-Laures, PTAB Bar Association President

2:15pm-2:35pm

Keynote Remarks

Acting Chief Judge Kalyan Deshpande, USPTO

2:35pm-3:35pm

Session 1 (CLE credit)

Latest Discretionary Denial Trends and Developments

Moderator: James Moore, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC

Panel: Jennifer Huang, Fish & Richardson PC

Aaron Clay, Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC

Stephen Schreiner, Carmichael IP PLLC

Tony Sheh, Medtronic PLC

3:35pm-3:50pm

Break

3:50pm-4:00pm

Recorded Remarks

Senator Thom Tillis (R-NC)

4:00pm-5:00pm

Session 2 (CLE credit) Round Table Discussions

Topics Include:

- *Latest Director Review Decisions*
 - *Alternatives to IPRs/PGRs (e.g., EPRs)*
 - *Winning Arguments Under the New Bifurcated Process*
 - *Other Discretionary Denial Strategies*
-

5:00pm-6:30pm

Networking Reception