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## 2022 Welcome Letter from the President

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2022 Annual Conference of the PTAB Bar Association! We are ever pleased to bring our community together, taking full advantage of available resources to create community for those attending, whether in person or virtually using the hybrid platform. Ours is a robust community, and we are grateful for your fighting spirit, your commitment to each other and the Association, and ultimately your commitment to practice before the PTAB. This sets us apart, and while we look forward to future conferences where we are able to see all of you, together in one location, we are so excited that we stand shoulder-to-shoulder with you in the interim.

In doing so, we are delighted that we are able to offer the option to livestream this year's conference with its unrivaled annual amalgamation of PTAB thought leadership to practitioners and industry partners across the country. For those taking part in the conference in person, we invite you to attend the compelling, redesigned social events each evening (additional details on those events can be found in your virtual program).

In lasting celebration of the 10th anniversary of the America Invents Act, we are thrilled to present remarks from Senator Patrick Leahy ahead of a panel discussion with several of those responsible for getting the AIA off the ground that will take a look back at the first decade of the legislation. We also offer an enthusiastic welcome to the Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO, Andrew Hirshfeld, who will join us for a moderated discussion at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday afternoon. In addition, we are pleased to welcome our speakers and attendees from the USPTO, including Chief Judge Scott Boalick (who will commence our conference with the keynote at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday) and many of his associates at the PTAB. Furthermore, we extend a special thanks to our panelists from the federal judiciary.

Although our most recent conference was just six months ago, the Association's Annual Conference Committee has designed a fantastic program offering attendees fresh perspectives and original content on the subjects most relevant to post-grant practitioners and stakeholders. The agenda features sessions with experts, government officials, industry voices, and other thought pioneers that will provide participants with novel insights into the current issues facing those working and operating in the PTAB space. We hope you can make Wednesday's innovative "APJ Day," an afternoon program developed

in concert with the USPTO and filled with opportunities for direct interaction with Administrative Patent Judges from the PTAB. Other exciting sessions this year include an exploration of topics relating to ex parte reexaminations as well as a panel with former federal circuit clerks on strategies for appellate review of PTAB rulings.

To characterize the planning for this conference as herculean would be an understatement of monumental proportions. Not only was this the second in-person annual conference in just six months, the conference planning was performed amidst a global pandemic the likes of which has never before been seen. Perhaps the best part of this effort was the collaboration and teamwork involved. Still, the Board would like to recognize in particular the tremendous efforts of Scott Jarratt, Heather Petruzzi, Laura Dueppen, and Fahd Patel, as well as the Board liaisons and other committee members whose voluntary efforts were integral to organizing this week's program. The PTAB's enduring support was also evident this year in the development of our conference agenda.

We must also take a moment to thank our generous sponsors, without whom this conference could not occur. We are ever grateful for your ongoing support, particularly through these unprecedented times.

Finally, as we continue to monitor local and national mandates and guidelines in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, please be reminded that the Association is committed faithfully to your health and safety, and thus will abide by current DC regulations in addition to any safety measures implemented by the Ritz-Carlton. Our conference recommends that attendees follow applicable CDC COVID guidelines regarding masking and vaccination. All attendees should feel comfortable wearing masks. Attendees coming from an area, or who have been recently traveling, where COVID is more prevalent are strongly encouraged to wear a mask as a safety precaution. We also have maintained our color-coded system for expressing social distancing preferences. We kindly ask that you respect the health and safety of other participants by complying with these preferences as well as all posted signage and instructions from event organizers and hotel employees.

We look forward to conferencing with you all over the next few days!

Yours sincerely,  
The PTAB Bar Association Board of Directors



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# ABOUT THE PTAB BAR ASSOCIATION

## The PTAB Bar Association History

The formation of the PTAB Bar Association traces its roots to the passage of the America Invents Act (“AIA”). The AIA went into effect in 2012 and fundamentally changed patent litigation by providing a new forum, new administrative judges, and new rules to resolve issues of patent validity. From 2012 to 2015, the number of new PTAB cases increased from just 111 new cases in 2012 to nearly 1800 new cases in 2015.

As with any new practice area, PTAB trial practice attracted new practitioners that specialize in this forum. These practitioners began to organically coalesce into an informal community. At the same time, they began to form ideas for further improving and professionalizing the still-emerging PTAB trial practice. The many PTAB practitioners realized that there existed no way to broadly communicate those ideas to the bar, let alone the PTAB itself. Thus, the idea of the PTAB Bar Association was born—to improve the stature of the PTAB legal profession, and to serve as an avenue for constructive dialogue between the bar community, the PTAB, and other stakeholders.

In early 2016, numerous PTAB practitioners, from the nation’s best known firms and industry leaders, joined together to create an organization that would encourage and facilitate the free flow of ideas regarding the evolving PTAB trial practice. On June 17, 2016, the PTAB Bar Association was formally incorporated into a non-profit entity.

## Charter

The PTAB Bar 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.

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While you are not required, we encourage you to complete the session and overall conference survey. Your opinion matters! The survey can be found at the CLE desk, Salon III Foyer.

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To obtain your Certificate of Completion or request credit for your participation, please fill out and submit the CLE form found on the platform tab. Please note that CLE credits are available during the live-streamed sessions; CLE is not available for recorded sessions watched at a later time. This code will be announced by the moderator at the middle of the session, also added to the chat for all of those attendees on the virtual platform.

Attorneys licensed in the state(s) of AZ, DE, IN, IA, KS, LA, NE, NY, NJ, OH, PA, SC, TN, are required to obtain the visual CLE code given during each session.

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## 2022 Welcome from Conference Chairs

Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to welcome you to the PTAB Bar Association's 2022 Annual Conference. The Annual Conference Committee has worked hard to ensure an engaging, yet safe, experience. We sincerely hope you enjoy all that the conference has to offer, and that mingling with your peers in-person once again reminds you of our strong community.

This year's conference promises an exciting array of topics from a diverse group of speakers who offer a broad range of viewpoints and insights. Our speakers will explore various cutting edge and complex issues, including the challenges facing the patent office in 2022, and the interplay between ex parte reexamination and inter partes review. We are fortunate to have Acting Director Drew Hirshfeld join us to share his perspectives. We are also excited to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the AIA and to look back at its origins with a special message from Senator Patrick Leahy and a distinguished panel featuring David Kappos, Vice Chief Judge Michael Tierney, and Bob Armitage.

A new feature this year is "APJ Day!" The first day of the conference (Wednesday, March 23) will feature a full afternoon of direct interaction with PTAB APJs. Three different sessions will cover trial hypotheticals, mock arguments, and a fun game show called "PTAB Jeopardy" to test participants' knowledge about various aspects of PTAB practice.

The conference will once again include fan favorites such as (i) a panel of Federal Circuit judges, (ii) a session focused on important diversity, equity, and inclusion issues, and (iii) and a "fireside" chat with the director of the USPTO.

When not enjoying the conference sessions, we encourage you to take the time to mingle with colleagues and members of the PTAB community during the networking breaks and at both the lunch and the evening receptions. On Thursday evening reception attendees will be treated to a special wine and cheese pairing guided by a Ritz-Carlton chef.

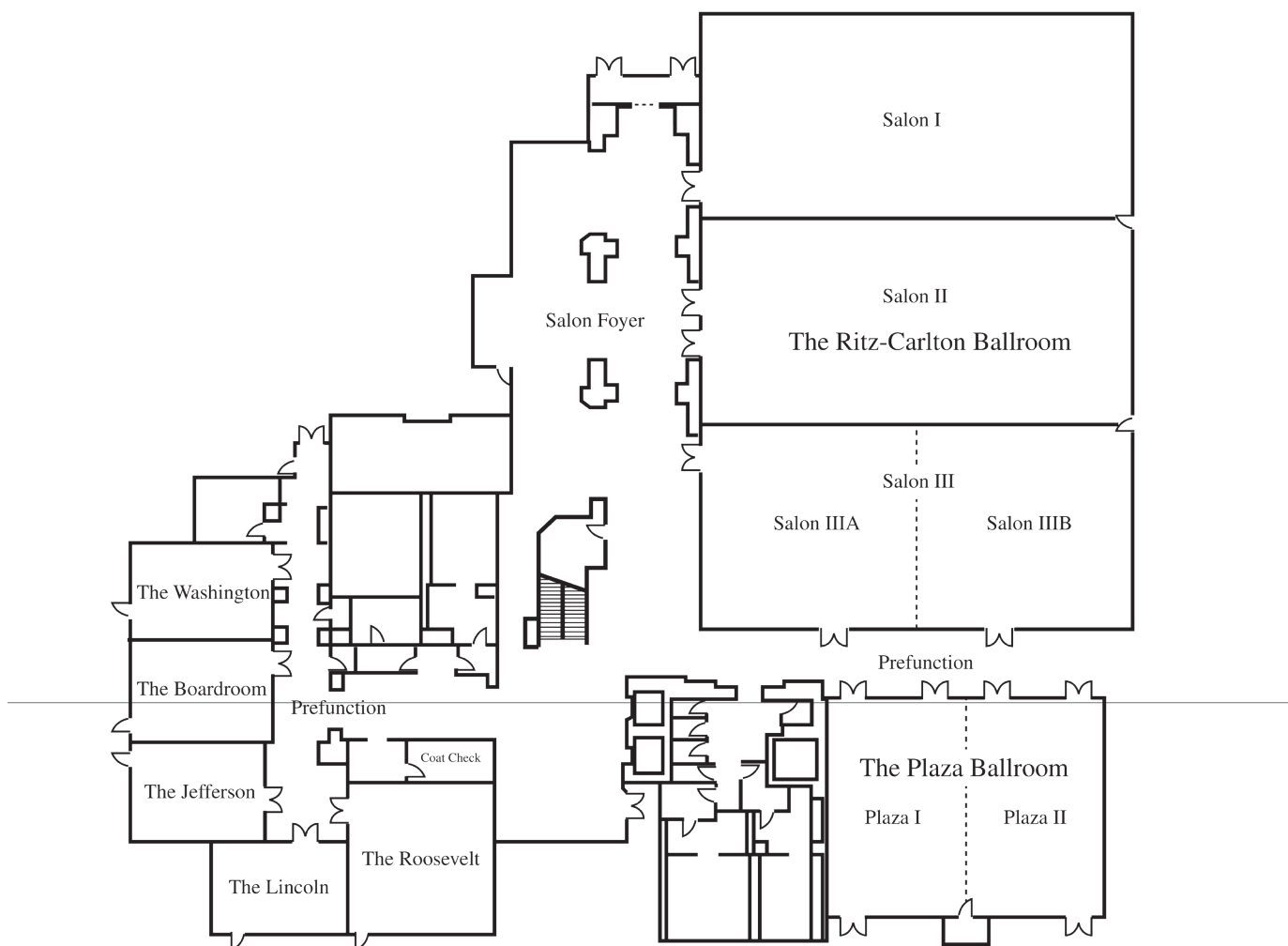
This conference could not have happened without the efforts of all our dedicated volunteers. Over the last several months, members from industry and law firms donated countless hours to make this conference a success. We would like to thank the efforts of all of the other committees that helped over the past year, as well as our Board liaisons, Lily Rin-Laures, Tom Rozyłowicz, and Dan Zeilberger, and this year's PTAB Bar Association president, Karl Renner. A special thanks also goes to members of the Conference Committee, who helped us plan the conference while also navigating the pandemic to ensure that we have a safe event. We are also deeply indebted to our sponsors, who are identified in our program, on our website, and on the conference video displays during the breaks.

Finally, we would like to thank all of you. Your engagement and support are what keep the PTAB Bar Association growing and thriving.

Sincerely,

Scott Jarratt and Heather Petruzzi  
Co-Chairs of the Conference Committee

# CONFERENCE FLOOR PLAN





# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

## WEDNESDAY, March 23, 2022

11:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration Open	Salon III Foyer
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>APJ Day:</b> Ex Parte Appeal Mock Argument – Oral Advocacy Before the PTAB	Salon I
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Break	
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	<b>APJ Day:</b> Strategic Considerations for Advancing Your AIA Trial Position through Conference Calls with the PTAB	Salon I
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Break	
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>APJ Day:</b> Love trivia? Love PTAB? Come play PTAB Jeopardy!	Salon I
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Welcome Mixer	Salon III Foyer

## THURSDAY, March 24, 2022

7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration Open	Salon III Foyer
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Speaker Ready Room	The Boardroom
7:00 am – 8:30 am	<b>Breakfast and Committee Meetings</b>	Salon I & II Foyer
	Appeals TO the PTAB committee	Salon III
	Women's Committee	Plaza II
	Appeals FROM THE PTAB Committee	Boardroom
	Communications Committee	Plaza I
	Technology Committee	Jefferson
	Industry Committee	Salon III
8:30 am – 9:00 am	<b>Welcome &amp; Keynote</b>	Salon I & II
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>General Session 1</b> – Policy and Legislative Challenges Facing the PTAB in 2022	Salon I & II
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Networking Break	Salon Foyer
10:15 am – 11:15 am	<b>General Session 2</b> – APJ Panel: Tips to Win	Salon I & II
11:15 am – 11:25 am	Transition Break (10 mins)	
11:25 am – 12:25 pm	<b>General Session 3</b> – From Bench to Bar: Strategies for Appellate Review of PTAB Rulings Shared by Former Federal Circuit Clerks	Salon I & II

## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

### THURSDAY, March 24, 2022 (continued)

12:25 pm – 1:30 pm	Networking Lunch & Association Business Meeting	Salon I & II
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm	<b>Keynote:</b> A Look Back at the First Decade of the AIA, featuring Senator Leahy	Salon I & II
2:15 pm – 2:30 pm	Break (15 mins)	
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>Concurrent Session A</b> – A View from In-House in 2022	Plaza Ballroom
	<b>Concurrent Session B</b> – Patent Eligibility at the PTAB: Practical Considerations for Practitioners in 2022	Salon I & II
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Networking Break (15 mins)	Salon Foyer
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	<b>General Session 4</b> – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Discussion	Salon I & II
4:45 pm – 5:00 pm	Transition Break (15 mins)	
5:00 pm – 5:15 pm	<b>Pro Bono Announcement</b>	Salon I & II
5:15 pm – 5:45 pm	<b>Fireside Chat</b> with Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of USPTO	
5:45 pm	Networking Reception	Salon Foyer

### FRIDAY, March 23, 2022

6:00 am – 12:00 pm	Speaker Ready Room	The Grant Room
7:00 am – 1:00pm	Registration Open	Salon Foyer
7:30 am – 8:30 am	PTAB Bar Board Meeting	Salon III A
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Networking Breakfast	Salon I & II Foyer
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Diversity and Women's Breakfast	Salon III B
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>General Session 5</b> – The Interplay between Ex Parte Reexamination and <i>Inter Partes</i> Review	Salon I & II
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break (15 mins)	
10:15 am – 11:00 am	<b>General Session 6</b> – View from the Federal Circuit	Salon I & II
11:00 am – 11:15 pm	Networking Break (15 mins)	Salon I & II Foyer
11:15am – 12:15 pm	<b>General Session 7</b> – Ethics Before the PTAB	Salon I & II
12:15 pm – 12:30pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	Salon I & II

## SESSIONS: Wednesday, March 23, 2022

1:00pm – 2:00pm | Salon I

### APJ Day: Ex Parte Appeal Mock Argument – Oral Advocacy Before the PTAB

Learn the latest about ex parte appeals and how to effectively use them to secure a patent following a final rejection. Also, gain oral advocacy tips by watching a mock appeal oral argument before a panel of PTAB judges and receive pointers from the judges to advocate your cases more persuasively and avoid common mistakes.

#### Speakers:

- Moderator: **Derrick Toddy**, Klarquist
- Lead Judge **Georgianna Braden**, USPTO
- Lead Judge **Phil Kauffman**, USPTO
- Hon. **Mike Kim** VCJ, USPTO-PTAB
- **Drew Needham**, USPTO
- Administrative Patent Judge **Kara Szpondowski**, USPTO
- Administrative Patent Judge **Mike Cygan**, USPTO

2:15pm – 3:15pm | Salon I

### APJ Day: Strategic Considerations for Advancing Your AIA Trial Position through Conference Calls with the PTAB

Not sure how to handle unexpected events in your AIA trial proceeding for claim construction and discovery? Practitioners discuss considerations in developing their strategies and how to persuade the PTAB to grant their requests. Hear directly from PTAB judges on what they look for in granting conference calls, and further what PTAB judges consider when deciding to authorize filing motions.

#### Speakers:

- Moderator: **Herb Hart**, McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd
- Administrative Patent Judge **Kevin Cherry**, USPTO
- Administrative Patent Judge **Kristi Sawert**, USPTO
- Lead Judge **Miriam Quinn**, USPTO
- Senior Lead Patent Judge **Kal Deshpande**
- Administrative Patent Judge **Eric Jeschke**, USPTO
- **Zach Coots**, King & Spalding LLP
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- **Lu Ling**, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP
- **Kyla Butler**, O'Melveny & Myers LLP
- **Renia Zervos**, O'Melveny & Myers LLP

3:30pm – 4:30pm | Salon I

### APJ Day: Love Trivia? Love PTAB? Come Play Jeopardy!

Participate in an interactive learning experience covering multiple aspects of PTAB practice including ex parte appeals, AIA trial proceedings, motions practice, and PTAB precedent. Play the PTAB Jeopardy game and see how much you know about the nuances of PTAB practice.

#### Speakers:

- Vice Chief Judge **Janet Gongola**, USPTO
- Lead Judge **Amanda Wieker**, USPTO
- **Patric Reinbold**, PTAB
- **Isha Shah**, PTAB
- **Keaton Sheeler**, PTAB
- Lead Judge **James Worth**, USPTO

4:30pm – 6:00pm | Salon III Foyer

### Welcome Mixer





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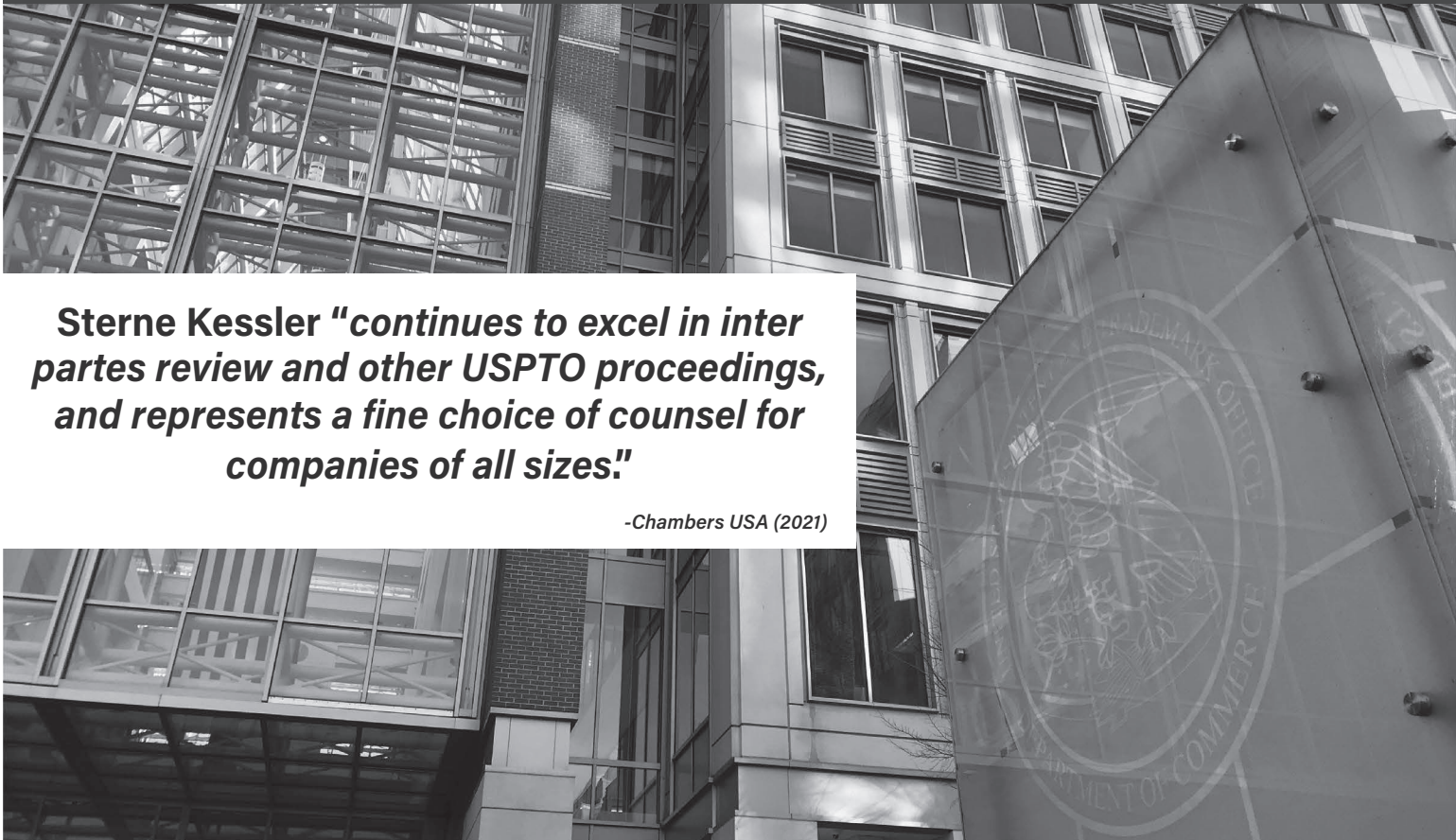
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# SESSIONS: Thursday, March 24, 2022

8:30am – 9:00am | Salon I & II

## Welcome & Keynote

### Welcome:

- PTAB Bar Association President, **Karl Renner**, Fish & Richardson

### Keynote:

- Chief Judge **Scott Boalick**, United States Patent and Trademark Office

9:00am – 10:00am | Salon I & II

## General Session 1 – Challenges Facing PTAB in 2022

This session will explore topics related to policy and legislative issues that are at the forefront of PTAB practice, such as changes that may be on the horizon, congressional pressure to maintain current policies, proposed legislation and potential impacts to practice before the PTAB.

### Speakers:

- Moderator: **Teresa Stanek Rea**, Crowell & Moring, LLP
- **Molly Silfen**, Counsel Detailee at US Senate
- **Ben Haber**, O'Melveny & Myers LLP
- **Farheena Rasheed**, D. Solicitor, USPTO
- **John Lee**, Counsel at U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on the Judiciary

10:15am – 11:15am | Salon I & II

## General Session 2 – APJ Panel

Panel discussion with judges on strategies and arguments that they have seen succeed.

### Speakers:

- Moderator: **John Hobgood**, WilmerHale
- Senior Lead Administrative Patent Judge **Michelle N. Ankenbrand**, USPTO
- Vice Chief Judge **Melissa Haapala**, USPTO
- Lead Judge **Scott Moore**, USPTO
- Lead Judge **Jennifer Chagnon**, USPTO

11:25am – 12:25pm | Salon I & II

## General Session 3 – From Bench to Bar: Strategies for Appellate Review of PTAB Rulings Shared by Former Federal Clerks

Panel of former federal circuit clerks share their insights on best positioning an IPR for appellate review and explore the impact of recent decisions.

### Speakers:

- Moderator: **Debbie McComas**, Haynes & Boone
- **Andrew Dufresne**, Perkins Coie
- **Michelle Armond**, Armond Wilson
- **Jessica Hudak**, Edwards Life Sciences
- **Philip Warrick**, Irell & Manella LLP

12:25pm – 1:30pm | Salon I & II

## Networking Lunch & Association Business Meeting

1:30pm – 2:15pm | Salon I & II

## Keynote: A Look Back at the First Decade of the AIA, featuring Senator Leahy

This will be a panel discussion with remarks by Senator Leahy.

### Speakers:

- Moderator: PTAB Bar Association President, **Karl Renner**, Fish & Richardson
- Vice Chief Judge **Mike Tierney**, USPTO
- **David Kappos**, Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP
- **Robert Armitage**

2:30pm – 3:30pm | Plaza Ballroom

## Concurrent Session A – A View from In-House in 2022

Come join a panel of in-house counsel from various sectors across the IP space as they share their perspectives on a range of topics. This session will explore views and best practices on challenging patents even if no parallel action, IPR joinder, JDGs, disclaiming strategies, claim amendments, considerations for hiring law firms, costs, etc.

### Speakers:

- Moderator: **Brad Waugh**, Intel
- **Jiang Lin**, Sanofi
- **Alyssa Holtslander**, Unified Patents
- **Phillip Lee**, Samsung
- **Larry Coury**, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

2:30pm – 3:30pm | Salon I & II

## Concurrent Session B – Patent Eligibility at the PTAB: Practical Considerations for Practitioners in 2022

The panel will consider the manner in which Section 101 appears in appeals to the PTAB, the role of Section 101 in reexams, and the practical impact of the differences between the PTO's Subject Matter Eligibility Guidance as compared to the Article III Courts' application of the Alice two-step analysis.

### Speakers:

- Moderator: **Phillip Citroën**, Paul Hastings
- Lead Judge **Charles Boudreau**, USPTO
- **Brad Watts**, Minority Chief Counsel for Ranking Member Thom Tillis
- **Anna Phillips**, Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox
- **Brendan McCommas**, Dinsmore

## SESSIONS: Thursday, March 24, 2022

3:45pm – 4:45pm | Salon I & II

### General Session 4 – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Discussion

The focus will be the dangers of the lack of diversity in developing technology, discussing case studies where the lack of diversity has led to the loss of opportunity (such as the cancelled NASA space walk), issues with products (such as voice recognition products that failed to recognize female voices or automatic soap dispensers that could not work with darker skin tones), or even the deaths (failure of air bags to be tested for women or children).

#### Speakers:

- Moderator: **Lisa Nguyen**, Allen & Overy LLP
- **Brian Cabrera**, Quantum Corporation
- **Danielle Coleman**, VMWare
- **Janice Jabido**, Peloton

5:00pm – 5:15pm | Salon I & II

### Pro Bono Announcement

5:00pm – 5:45pm | Salon I & II

### “Fireside” Chat with the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO

Moderator: **Mita Chatterjee**, Hologic

5:45pm | Salon Foyer

### Networking Reception

## SESSIONS: Friday, March 25, 2022

9:00am – 10:00am | Salon I & II

### General Session 5 - The Interplay between Ex Parte Reexamination and *Inter Partes*

This session will explore the interplay between reexamination and inter partes review, including: reexam strategies after *In re Vivint*, 325(d) applied to reexam, and serial reexams. This session will also include a discussion of reexamination statistics and the interplay between reexamination and reissue.

#### Speakers:

- Moderator: **James Carmichael**, Carmichael IP, PLLC
- Deputy Chief Judge **Jacqueline Bonilla**, USPTO
- **Kenneth Weatherwax**, Lowenstein & Weatherwax LLP
- **Richard Torczon**, Wilson Sonsini
- **Sangeeta Shah**, Brooks Kushman
- **David Ruschke**, Central Reexamination Unit

10:00am – 11:00am | Salon I & II

### General Session 6 - View from the Federal Circuit

A perennial favorite, this session will invite a panel of Federal Circuit judges to share their view of the PTAB practice and tips for how patent owners and petitioners can improve their odds for success on appeal.

#### Speakers:

- Moderator: **David Higer**, Wick Phillips
- Circuit Judge **Richard Taranto**, US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- Circuit Judge **Timothy Dyk**, US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

11:15am – 12:15pm | Salon I & II

### General Session 7 - Ethics Before the PTAB

This panel explores ethical considerations before PTAB and focuses on the standard and duty of candor for practitioners; as well as history and disqualification motions before the PTAB. Through whiteboard storytelling, our panelists from the Office of Enrollment and Discipline (OED) of USPTO, industry PTAB practitioners and an academic, along with our moderator will lead our audience into some real-life applications and ethical considerations through a series of fun animations.

#### Speakers:

- Moderator: **Fahd Patel**, Morrison & Foerster LLP
- **Dahlia George**, OED, USPTO
- **Jessica Marks**, Unified Patents
- **Timothy T. Hsieh**, Oklahoma City University School of Law



# COVID 19 INFORMATION

## PTAB Bar Annual Conference- COVID 19 Information:

Dear PTAB Bar Conference Attendees, Speakers and Sponsors,

Thank you to all who are attending the 2022 Annual Conference in-person. We are excited to be with you! The health & safety of our attendees is our top priority.

Pursuant to the **current order** from the Washington DC Mayor's Office, the indoor mask mandate has been lifted in most businesses as of March 1, 2022 and the proof of vaccination requirement has been lifted as of February 15, 2022.

The following protocols will be in place:

Our conference recommends that attendees follow applicable CDC COVID guidelines regarding masking and vaccination. All attendees should feel comfortable wearing masks. Attendees coming from an area, or who have been recently traveling, where COVID is more prevalent are strongly encouraged to wear a mask as a safety precaution. The Ritz-Carlton and our conference will follow applicable DC guidelines, which do not require masks as of March 1, 2022.

- Hand sanitizer will be present at the registration table and on all conference tables in the ballroom.
- If you are not feeling well, and may have any type of contagious illness, please stay home.
- Recognizing that attendees will have differing comfort levels while networking at the conference, we will provide colored stickers that can be placed on each nametag at registration to reflect your wishes to navigate the sessions for the next several days. We will follow these guidelines:

**RED** please keep your distance and a nod is appropriate for greeting

**YELLOW** an elbow bump will be sufficient, please don't get too close

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We hope you enjoy a dynamic and rewarding conference this week, thank you for your cooperation and support.

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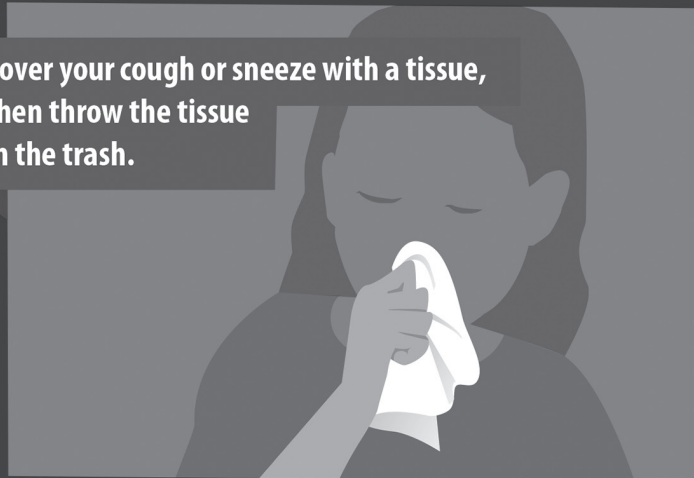
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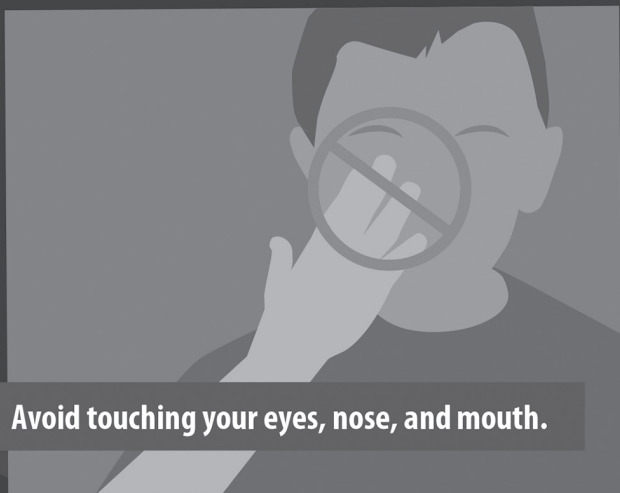
Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



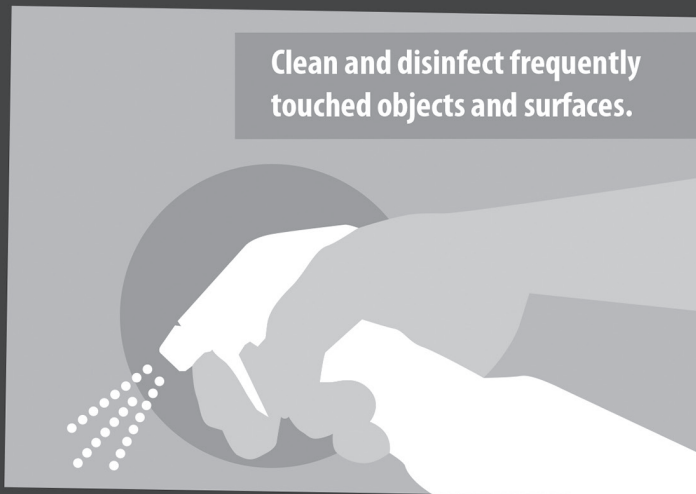
Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

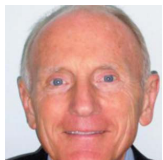


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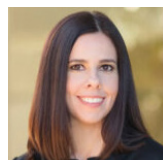
The Honorable Michelle N. Ankenbrand serves as a Senior Lead Administrative Patent Judge at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Judge Ankenbrand joined the Board as an Administrative Judge in 2014 and presides over trial proceedings under the AIA and appeals arising from adverse decisions of patent examiners. Prior to joining the Board, Judge Ankenbrand had an extensive career as a law clerk, including at the Delaware District Court, where she clerked for the Honorable Gregory M. Sleet for six years, and the Federal Circuit, where she clerked for the Honorable Raymond C. Clevenger, III. Judge Ankenbrand also taught patent litigation and enforcement at Rutgers School of Law. More recently, she practiced IP law in Delaware, with a focus on patent litigation in the district courts and at the Federal Circuit. Judge Ankenbrand graduated from Union College with a B.S. in Biochemistry and received her J.D. from Villanova School of Law.



**Robert Armitage**  
Intellectual Property  
Consultant

Robert A. Armitage serves as a consultant on intellectual property strategy and policy matters. He completed a decade of service as Senior Vice President and General Counsel for Eli Lilly and Company at the end of 2012. Prior to assuming his general counsel role at Lilly, Armitage had been Lilly's Vice President and General Patent Counsel. Before his Lilly career, he spent six years as a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Vinson & Elkins LLP (1993-1999), where he established and led its D.C.-based IP practice. Among other positions, he has served as an adjunct professor of law at George Washington University Law School (1996-2000), a member of the board of directors of Human Genome Sciences, Inc. (1995-1999), president of the board of directors of Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan, Inc. (1985-1987), a member of the Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy (ACIEP) to the U.S.

Department of State (2009-2014), and as chief intellectual property counsel for The Upjohn Company (1983 to 1993), where he began his professional career as a patent trainee in 1974.

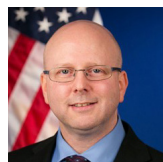


**Michelle Armond**  
Armond Wilson LLP

Michelle Armond is a founding partner of the IP litigation boutique Armond Wilson LLP in Newport Beach, CA. An award-winning litigation attorney focusing on intellectual property disputes, litigation, IPRs, and appeals, Michelle handles patent, trademark, and trade secret matters. She has handled disputes covering a wide array of industries and technologies including electronics, telecommunications, software, gaming, mechanical, electro-mechanical, energy, automotive, medical devices, consumer, and household goods.

Michelle is a registered patent attorney and Caltech-trained electrical engineer whose litigation successes, including defense wins and over \$500 million in jury verdicts, have been featured in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Economist, the Daily Journal, and Law360. She has prevailed as lead counsel in IPR proceedings, intellectual property litigation in federal court, and appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Michelle is a media commentator, thought leader, invited speaker, and served on the faculty for the Patent Resources Group teaching a course covering intellectual property litigation, IPRs, and Federal Circuit appellate law to practicing attorneys. She was invited to the patent litigation working group at the Sedona Conference. Prior to entering private practice, Michelle clerked at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington, D.C. She began her law practice at Irell & Manella LLP and was previously partner and PTAB practice group leader at Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP.



**Chief Judge Scott Boalick**  
United States Patent and  
Trademark Office Patent  
Trial and Appeal Board

Chief Judge Scott R. Boalick was appointed to the Board in 2007. At the Board, he served as an Administrative Patent Judge, Lead Judge, Vice Chief Judge and

Deputy Chief Judge prior to becoming the Chief Judge. Prior to joining the Board, Chief Judge Boalick served as a patent attorney with

the Department of the Navy at two different research laboratories. Before that, he was an associate at Fish & Richardson and served as a law clerk to the Honorable Alvin A. Schall of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. In addition, Chief Judge Boalick worked as a radar systems engineer at Technology Service Corporation and served on active duty as an officer in the U.S. Navy. Chief Judge Boalick earned a J.D., magna cum laude, from the Georgetown University Law Center where he was a Notes and Comments Editor of The Georgetown Law Journal and received the Leon Robbin Patent Award. He earned both a M.S.E. in Systems Engineering and a B.S.E. in Electrical Engineering, magna cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania. Chief Judge Boalick is a member of the Virginia and District of Columbia Bars and is registered to practice before the USPTO.



**Deputy Chief Administrative Patent Judge  
Jacqueline Wright Bonilla**  
United States Patent  
and Trademark Office

Jacqueline Wright Bonilla serves as Deputy Chief Administrative Patent Judge at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Since her appointment as an Administrative Patent Judge in January 2012, she has conducted numerous post-grant patent trials under the America Invents Act, heard appeals from adverse examiner decisions in patent applications and reexamination proceedings, and rendered decisions in interferences. In her current role, she helps lead the PTAB as it handles cases and renders decisions in all areas of its jurisdiction. Previously, she worked for twelve years in private practice, including as a partner at Foley & Lardner, LLP. She also served as a judicial law clerk to the now-retired Chief Judge Randall Rader at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Judge Bonilla graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law, and holds a Ph.D. in Pharmacology from the University of Virginia, and a B.A. in Biochemistry from the University of California, Berkeley.



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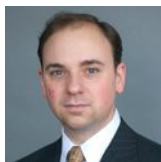
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**Lead Administrative Patent Judge at the Patent Trial Charles Boudreau**  
United States Patent and Trademark Office

Charles Boudreau is a Lead Administrative Patent Judge at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. He earned his law degree from Columbia University and Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts degrees in Chemistry from Harvard University. Prior to his appointment to the Board in May 2014, Judge Boudreau served as Associate General Counsel at Corel, Inc. He also previously served in private practice for nearly fifteen years, with broad experience in patent prosecution and litigation, and as a law clerk to the Honorable Alan D. Lourie of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.



**Lead Administrative Patent Judge Georgianna Braden**  
United States Patent and Trademark Office

Lead Judge Georgianna Braden earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Saint Louis University, a Ph.D. in Genetics and Molecular Biology from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and a law degree from the University of Houston Law School. Judge Braden worked in private practice for over ten years in Houston at Arnold, White, and Durkey and then at Howrey LLP where she litigated intellectual property cases, prosecuted patent applications, and provided counseling with regards to intellectual property transactions and related agreements. She was appointed to the USPTO's Patent Trial and Appeals Board in 2012 to decide appeals arising from adverse decisions of Examiners at the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and to preside over trials to determine patentability of claims in patents subsequent to issuance.



**Kristie Butler**  
Troutman Pepper

Kristie focuses her practice on patent litigation within the firm's Intellectual Property Department. Her experience includes representing clients in Section 337 investigations before the U.S. International Trade Commission, and patent infringement suits in the Western District of Texas, the District of Dela-

ware, and the Southern District of California.

Kristie's involvement in litigation matters covers all aspects of a case from investigation and diligence to the filing of pleadings, claim construction, fact and expert discovery, depositions, motions practice, and trial.



**Kyla Butler**  
O'Melveny & Myers LLP

Kyla Butler is a litigation associate at O'Melveny where she specializes in advising clients on intellectual property and technology matters. Prior to joining O'Melveny, Kyla was a judicial law clerk for the Patent Trial and Appeal Board at the United States Patent and Trademark Office. As a clerk, she assisted Administrative Patent Judges in the adjudication of inter partes reviews, post grant reviews, ex parte appeals, and other Board proceedings. She also completed a detail in the Office of the Undersecretary and Director to support Senior Staff and PTAB leadership on various policy matters.

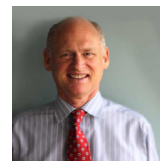
Kyla earned her juris doctor from American University Washington College of Law, and bachelor's degree in chemistry from Syracuse University.



**Brian Cabrera**  
Quantum Corporation

Mr. Cabrera is a senior tech industry executive from Silicon Valley. He serves as Chief Legal & Compliance Officer at Quantum Corporation, helping the world's leading organizations powering innovations, creating entertainment, and keeping nations secure. He most recently served as Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division of the Northern California federal prosecutors office investigating and prosecuting federal crimes on behalf of agencies such as the FBI, Secret Service, ATF, NASA and NCIS. Prior to this appointment Mr. Cabrera was the Senior Vice President & General Counsel for NVIDIA, a Fortune 500 company synonymous with graphics, autonomous driving and artificial intelligence. He left NVIDIA having helped the company grow from \$15B to \$100B in valuation. Mr. Cabrera was responsible for a global team of some 150 employees and staff, all handling legal, compliance, cyber-security, physical security, and governmental and regulatory matters for the company. Mr. Cabrera has been honored with

a Legend in Law award as one of the nation's top ten general counsel by the U.S. Library of Congress Burton Awards in conjunction with the American Bar Association. He has been named one of the Top 25 Leading General Counsel in California by The Daily Journal, and has been recognized by the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley with its Innovation Award. Mr. Cabrera is a sought-after speaker and commentator on topics related to technology, diversity, leadership, compliance, governance, litigation, legal affairs, and executive management; he has shared his insights in The Wall Street Journal and on KQED/National Public Radio, as well as other leading media outlets, and has been described as a "top-notch innovator" by the National Law Journal. Mr. Cabrera joined NVIDIA from Synopsys, Inc., where he was Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Corporate Secretary and Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer for eight years. Prior to that he was Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Callidus Software Inc., where he took the company public in 2003. Prior to Callidus, Mr. Cabrera was Chief Operations Counsel for PeopleSoft and Senior Counsel at Netscape. He has also worked at Silicon Graphics Inc., Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon, and the California Attorney General's Office. Mr. Cabrera has been a member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Advisory Committee as well as President and Executive Committee member of the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley. He is a Senior Fellow with the American Leadership Forum – Silicon Valley and has been a guest lecturer at Stanford Law School and on the Dean's Committee on Legal Education at USC Law. Mr. Cabrera holds both Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Southern California, as well as a Juris Doctorate from the USC Law School.



**James T. Carmichael**  
Carmichael IP, PLLC

James T. Carmichael is a former Administrative Patent Judge on the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (now the Patent Trial and Appeal Board). Jim was employed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) for eight years, including working in the electrical and computer division of the Board as an Examiner-in-Chief. Currently he represents inventors and patent challengers before the PTO in post-grant proceedings including Inter Partes Review and Reexamination. Jim

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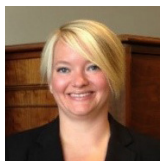
regularly serves as an expert witness on PTO prosecution and post-grant procedures.

Before becoming a Judge, Jim served for five years as an Associate Solicitor of the PTO. In that capacity, he represented the agency in federal court litigation and argued more than thirty cases at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The cases Jim handled included patentability and reexamination. He was also Coordinator of attorney discipline proceedings. Jim helped develop PTO procedures relating to the duty of disclosure as well as post-grant proceedings.

Patexia scored Jim as one of the top three most-winning attorneys in IPRs at the PTAB (out of all 3,462 attorneys representing patent owners) from 2014 to 2019, while Carmichael IP was ranked the #1 firm.

Jim graduated from Yale University in 1984, and from University of Wisconsin Law School in 1987 with honors. During law school, he served as an Associate Editor of the Wisconsin Law Review.

Jim is a registered patent attorney and admitted to the bar in Washington, D.C.



**Administrative Patent Judge Jennifer Meyer Chagnon**

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Jennifer Meyer Chagnon was appointed as an Administrative Patent Judge on September 23, 2013. Judge Chagnon earned a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law; she also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering, magna cum laude, from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, and a Master of Science degree in Biotechnology from The Johns Hopkins University. Prior to joining the Board, Judge Chagnon was an associate at the law firm Dickstein Shapiro LLP, where her practice focused on patent prosecution and opinion work in various technologies, including semiconductor devices and materials, photovoltaics, medical devices, pharmaceuticals, optical recording systems, digital image processing, and mechanical devices.



**Mita Chatterjee**  
Hologic, Inc.

Paromita (Mita) Chatterjee is Corporate Counsel, IP at Hologic, Inc. In her role,

Mita provides strategic counsel to the Breast and Skeletal business group at Hologic on a broad range of intellectual property issues related to portfolio management and strategy, M&A, commercial agreements, and litigation. Prior to joining Hologic, Ms. Chatterjee was a patent attorney at Paul Hastings and Finnegan, where she represented clients in the medical device and life science industries in various federal district courts, before the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). She is the vice-chair of the PTAB Bar Association Women's Committee and previously served on the Association's Board of Directors. Mita speaks regularly on various IP and diversity topics.

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**Administrative Patent Judge Kevin W. Cherry**  
United States Patent and Trademark Office

Administrative Patent Judge Kevin W. Cherry was appointed to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) on March 10, 2014. Judge Cherry began his legal career at the law firms Ropes & Gray, LLP and Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP. He then served as a law clerk to the Honorable William H. Pauley III of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Judge Cherry returned to private practice briefly before serving as an attorney advisor at the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Judge Cherry earned his law degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. He holds a Master of Science degree in Materials Science and Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Materials Science and Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.



**Phillip Citroën**  
Paul Hastings

Phillip Citroën is an intellectual property partner in the Litigation department in the firm's Washington, D.C. office.

Mr. Citroën is a registered patent attorney practicing all aspects of patent-related work, including litigation before U.S. district courts and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC), post-grant proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), and appeals before the Federal Circuit. Mr. Citroën has represented petitioners and patent owners in dozens of post-grant proceedings, including inter partes review (IPR), post-grant review (PGR), and covered business method (CBM) review proceedings. In many instances, Mr. Citroën's involvement in these proceedings has been coupled with parallel district court or ITC litigation. Mr. Citroën's litigation experience spans all stages of litigation, including fact and expert discovery, motion practice, claim construction, and trial. Mr. Citroën's experience also includes oral argument before the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Mr. Citroën has been recognized for his work in the area of patent law. The National Law Journal recognized Mr. Citroën as one of the D.C. region's "Rising Stars" for his influence

in the area of patent law and beyond. Law360 recognized Mr. Citroën as a "Legal Lion" for his work for Google on IPRs where the PTAB invalidated three of Blackberry Ltd.'s patents related to smartphone technology. Law360 also recognized Mr. Citroën as a "Legal Lion" for his work for Samsung on IPRs where the PTAB invalidated six of Uniloc Luxembourg, S.A.'s patents related to voice messaging technology.

Mr. Citroën has also gained valuable experience as in-house patent counsel for a Fortune 500 company that provides information infrastructure solutions.



**Danielle Coleman**  
VMware

Danielle Coleman is Director & Assistant General Counsel – Global Litigation at VMware, where she leads the global litigation team. Before joining VMware, Danielle was Director, Global Litigation and IP Protection at Applied Materials. She previously was a litigator at Morrison & Foerster LLP and a law clerk for the Honorable William H. Alsup, U.S. District Court Judge for the Northern District of California. Danielle earned an undergraduate degree in biochemistry from Xavier University of Louisiana and a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. Before law school, she worked at pharmaceutical companies performing biochemical research, and she is an inventor named on four U.S. patents.

She has tremendous passion for the community and promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. Danielle currently is a member of the Board of Directors for the Alameda County Community Food Bank, which supports 1 in 4 residents of Alameda County, with two-thirds being children and seniors. She volunteers at the Food Bank and raises funds to support its mission to close the hunger gap, which disproportionately impacts minorities. She previously was a member of the Board of Directors for Alameda Health System Foundation (AHSF). As the AHSF Gala co-chair, she helped raise over \$1 million for the Alameda Health System—a network of hospitals and clinics serving uninsured and under-served patients in Alameda County. Danielle served as the Global Co-Lead for the Black@VMware Power of Difference employee resource group for two years, helping drive thought leadership, professional development, and representation for Black employees.

The National Bar Association has recog-

nized Danielle with a "Diversity in Tech and IP" award and a "Nation's Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40" award. The Bar Association of San Francisco also has recognized her with an "Excellence in Diversity" award.



**Zachary Coots**  
King & Spalding LLP

Zachary ("Zach") Coots is an associate of the firm's Trial & Global Disputes

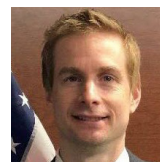
practice. Zach specializes in intellectual property litigation with an emphasis in patents and has experience litigating cases before the U.S. district courts and the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Zach began his legal career as a judicial law clerk to Judges Michael Kim, Rama Elluru, and Garth Baer at the Patent Trial & Appeal Board. Zach comes to the firm from the Examining core, where he examined patent application for inventions covering cryptographic and blockchain technologies.



**Larry Coury**  
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Larry is Vice President, Head of Litigation and Associate General Counsel at Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in Tarrytown, NY. Larry oversees all of Regeneron's litigation matters, including patent matters, and he is a registered patent attorney. Prior to joining Regeneron, Larry was in private practice at Fish & Neave, Paul Weiss, and Cravath. Larry received his Ph.D. in Biophysics from Harvard University, and his J.D. from Fordham Law School.



**Administrative Patent Judge Michael T. Cygan**  
United States Patent and Trademark Office

Michael T. Cygan was appointed as an Administrative Patent Judge to decide appeals arising from adverse decisions of Examiners at the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and to preside over trials to determine patentability of claims in patents subsequent to issuance. Judge Cygan earned a Juris Doctor degree from The George Washington University Law School, with honors, and a Ph.D. degree in Chemistry from The Pennsylvania State University, specializing



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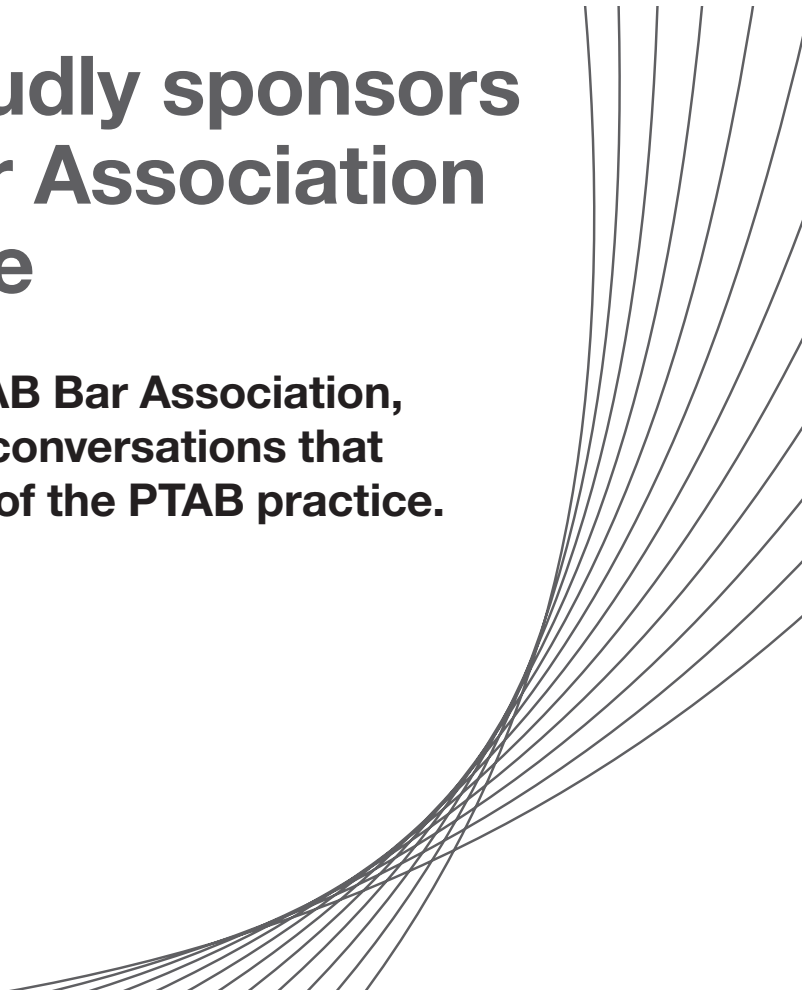
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in nanotechnology. Judge Cygan began his career developing chemical sensor technologies, first as a postdoctoral Fellow at the Naval Research Laboratory, and then at a startup biosensor company. Judge Cygan then joined the USPTO as a Patent Examiner from 1999-2008. From 2008 to 2018, Judge Cygan served as a Legal Advisor in the Office of Patent Legal Administration, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Policy, which involved drafting rule packages, memoranda, and associated guidance to implement USPTO initiatives and comply with developments in patent law.



**Senior Lead Patent Judge Kal Deshpande**  
United States Patent and Trademark Office

Judge Deshpande received a J.D. degree from The Ohio State University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering from Case Western Reserve University. Judge Deshpande, subsequent to his graduation from college, worked in software development for Accenture. During and after law school, he worked in supply chain management at the early-stage food services company. He then joined the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Patent Examiner before joining the Board in 2008 as a patent attorney. Judge Deshpande began serving as an administrative patent judge in 2011 and currently serves as a senior lead administrative patent judge.



**Andrew Dufresne**  
Perkins Coie

Andrew Dufresne helps clients protect and advance their interests in patent litigation at the trial and appellate levels. He has represented a range of clients, including Fortune 100 and 500 companies, smaller and emerging companies, and numerous universities, and he has handled matters in a range of technology areas, including pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, electronics, and software, as well as fitness and sports equipment. He earned a Ph.D. in molecular genetics and microbiology and brings first-hand technical knowledge and experience to matters in the life sciences.

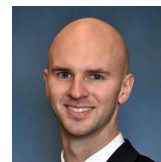
Andy has considerable experience litigating before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Patent Trial and Appeal Board

(PTAB), and district courts. As a former Federal Circuit law clerk, Andy has a deep understanding of appellate practice and procedure, and he has represented parties and amici in numerous matters before the Federal Circuit and other appellate courts. He has also participated in all phases of IPR proceedings before the PTAB, including drafting petitions and other papers, conducting discovery, and presenting oral argument. In his active pro bono practice, Andy has successfully represented U.S. military veterans before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims and the Federal Circuit in cooperation with the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program.



**Circuit Judge Timothy Dyk**  
US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Timothy B. Dyk was appointed by President William J. Clinton in 2000. Prior to his appointment, Judge Dyk was Partner and Chair, Issues and Appeals Practice Area, at Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue from 1990 to 2000. He was Adjunct Professor at Yale Law School from 1986 to 1987 and 1989, at the University of Virginia Law School in 1984 and 1985, and from 1987 to 1988, and at the Georgetown University Law Center in 1983, 1986, 1989 and 1991. Judge Dyk was Associate and Partner, Wilmer Cutler & Pickering from 1964 to 1990. From 1963 to 1964, Judge Dyk served as Special Assistant to Assistant Attorney General Louis F. Oberdorfer. He also served as law clerk to Chief Justice Warren from 1962 to 1963, and to Justices Reed and Burton from 1961 to 1962. Judge Dyk received an A.B. from Harvard College in 1958 and an LL.B. from Harvard Law School in 1961. He was First President of the Edward Coke Appellate Inn of Court from 2000 to 2001 and President of the Giles Sutherland Rich Inn of Court from 2006 to 2007. Judge Dyk is co-author of the Chapter on Patents in the Fifth Edition of the treatise, *Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts*. He was the recipient of the 2012 American Inns of Court Professionalism Award for the Federal Circuit and the 2016 Honorable William C. Conner Inn of Court Excellence Award. He is a member of the American Law Institute.



**Mitch Feldhake**  
Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

Mitch Feldhake graduated from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology with a degree in mechanical engineering. Mitch gained working experience in the automotive and HVAC industries before attending law school at Indiana University Maurer School of Law. After graduating law school, Mitch clerked at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board for the Honorable Judge Susan Mitchell, Judge Chris Paulraj, and Judge Rob Weinschenk. At the PTAB, Mitch worked with the Chief Judge and Vice Chief Judges on POP decisions as well. During his clerkship, Mitch also served a rotation in the USPTO's Director's Office, under Director Andrei Iancu, and worked on patent policy issues affecting the entire agency.

After completing his clerkship in the fall of 2020, Mitch joined the Willkie Farr & Gallagher's Chicago office in the patent litigation group. While at Willkie, Mitch has been involved in IPR proceedings, Federal Circuit appeals, and district court patent litigation.



**Dahlia George**  
United States Patent and Trademark Office

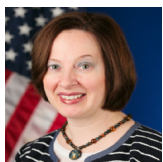
Dahlia George first joined the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in January 2005 as a Trademark Examining Attorney. In January 2008, she joined the USPTO Office of General Law where she investigated and prosecuted EEOC complaints, grievances, and Merit Systems Protection Bureau appeals. She also responded to subpoenas for Government witnesses and documents, investigated Federal Tort Claims Act claims and IG inquiries, and handled Reasonable Accommodation requests for legal sufficiency. In addition, she was the USPTO FOIA Officer. Since January 2011 to the present, she joined the USPTO Office of Enrollment and Discipline where she investigates grievances and complaints alleging misconduct by patent and trademark practitioners; conducts moral character and "fitness to practice" applications for individuals seeking registration before the USPTO; and heads the Diversion Pilot Program for impaired practitioners.

Before working at the USPTO, Ms. George was an Assistant Attorney General for the N.H. Office of Attorney General where

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she investigated and prosecuted professional misconduct cases against licensed professionals such as physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers, before their respective licensing boards.

Prior to her stint as a N.H. Assistant Attorney General, she served a tour of duty as a Judge Advocate General (JAG) in the United States Air Force where she served as a prosecutor for the United States in courts-martial and administrative discharge proceedings; handled procurement and claims matters; and advised base and wing commanders on the legality of base activities such as bingo night and mess activities. Later she was promoted to the position of Area Defense Counsel for three bases covering 15,000 military and civilian personnel, where she represented military personnel in courts-martial (felony trials) and discharge proceedings.

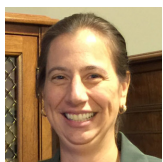


**Vice Chief Judge Janet Gongola**  
United States Patent and Trademark Office

Janet Gongola is the Vice Chief Judge for Strategy at the USPTO Patent Trial and Appeal Board. She manages long term strategic planning, internal and external training, and stakeholder engagement. She was appointed to the PTAB in October 2016.

Before joining the Board, Judge Gongola held a variety of positions at the USPTO, including as the Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary and Director, the Patent Reform Coordinator, and the Associate Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy. Judge Gongola started her USPTO career as an Associate Solicitor.

Judge Gongola served as a law clerk for the Honorable Paul R. Michel at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and for the Honorable Judge Sue L. Robinson at the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware. In addition, Judge Gongola worked as a patent attorney, patent agent, and research chemist at Eli Lilly and Company.



**Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge Melissa Haapala**  
Patent Trial and Appeal Board

The Honorable Melissa A. Haapala was appointed as Vice Chief Administrative Patent

Judge to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) on September 27, 2021. Judge Haapala was appointed as an Administrative Patent Judge on November 17, 2014 and has served as a Senior Lead Administrative Patent Judge and a Lead Administrative Patent Judge. In addition to her executive management and supervisory responsibilities, Judge Haapala has presided over numerous inter partes reviews under the America Invents Act (AIA) and heard hundreds of appeals from adverse decisions of examiners in patent applications. Prior to joining PTAB, she worked as a staff software engineer for Storage Technology, practiced at several law firms, served as Senior Counsel at Sun Microsystems, and as Assistant General Counsel at Ricoh.

Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge Haapala earned a law degree from the University of Denver College of Law, a Master of Science degree in Computer Information Systems, Management of Technology from Regis University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Mathematics from the University of Colorado. She is also the mother of three boys.

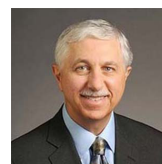


**Ben Haber**  
O'Melveny & Myers LLP

US District Ben Haber is a recognized authority on inter partes review and other proceedings at the US Patent Trial and Appeal Board (USPTO). Before returning to private practice at O'Melveny & Myers, Ben was Senior Policy Advisor to the Undersecretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO. In that role, Ben was instrumental in reshaping substantive patent policy for the United States, including patent eligible subject matter pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 101, trial proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), and patent examination and search policy. Ben had a primary role on the teams drafting and implementing public policy guidelines, rules, and procedures including, for example, the 2019 Revised Subject Matter Eligibility Guidance, the PTAB's rules changing the claim construction standards to be used in trial proceedings, and the PTAB's Motion to Amend pilot program, among others. Ben Haber also received the highest honor bestowed by agencies of the USPTO — the US Department of Commerce's Group Bronze Medal Award — recognizing his "invaluable leadership, strategic vision and ingenuity" resulting in extensive revisions of the USPTO's

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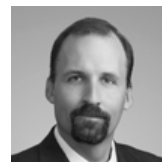
Ben is also an accomplished engineer. Before attending law school, Ben worked in the fields of Aerospace Engineering, Optical Engineering, and Systems Engineering at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), and at Northrop Grumman Corporation. Ben also served as an intelligence officer at the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, DC. Ben has a degree in physics and his experience includes representing clients in matters involving a wide-array of technologies including mobile networking and communications, video processing, mobile devices, and other software-heavy industries.



**Herb Hart**  
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Herb Hart's many years of trial experience at the

Patent Trial and Appeal Board have led patent owners and petitioners alike to entrust their important cases to him. That hands-on experience extends back to the PTAB's predecessor, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, where he established a solid foundation in the Board's practice and procedures. He has litigated cases in a wide range of technologies, including oil and gas, polymers, catalysts, herbicides, pharmaceuticals, biologics, telecommunications, and medical devices, with a particular emphasis on life sciences and chemical technologies.



**David Higer**  
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Dave is a seasoned trial lawyer with experience in all areas of intellectual

property law and related commercial disputes in every type of litigation forum. He is known for distilling the highly complex technical and legal issues in these cases to the key issues a judge or jury needs to understand to resolve them in his clients' favor.

Dave is also an experienced business lawyer, having counseled clients from start-ups to Fortune 500 companies on issues related to IP protection and monetization, risk mitigation, licensing, freedom to operate, antitrust, employment, contracts, corporate governance, M&A, and bankruptcy. He is recognized for providing clear and concise strategic and practical legal advice in non-litigation contexts so that



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**John Hobgood**  
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John Hobgood's practice includes all aspects of intellectual property, including patent and trademark portfolio development, trade secret and copyright protection, post-grant proceedings before the Patent Trials and Appeal Board (PTAB), and IP litigation. Mr. Hobgood advises clients on patent prosecution and provides strategic IP advice relating to the electrical, mechanical, and chemical arts, including computers, electronics, semiconductors, software, medical devices, optics, analytical platforms, hydrocarbon processing, molten metal electrolysis, metallurgical techniques, and food and beverages. He also has extensive experience handling matters involving strategic development, the analysis and management of domestic and foreign patent portfolios, client counseling, and intellectual property due diligence for transactions and financings.

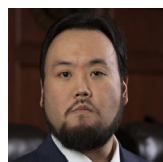
Mr. Hobgood counsels clients from a broad range of industries on IP litigation matters before the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, US district courts, and the US International Trade Commission. He serves as lead counsel to clients before the PTAB and argues in post-grant proceedings, including inter partes review. Mr. Hobgood also works with foreign counsel in advising clients on IP litigation matters outside of the United States.



**Alyssa Holtslander**  
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Alyssa prepares and litigates post-grant proceedings before the PTAB and appeals before the Federal Circuit for Unified Patents. Alyssa also works to help

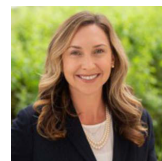
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**Timothy T. Hsieh**  
Oklahoma City  
University School of Law

Timothy T. Hsieh is an Assistant Professor of Law at Oklahoma City University School of Law, where he focuses his teaching, research and scholarship on Intellectual Property ("IP") and Patent Law, Antitrust Law, Entertainment & Sports Law, Law & Technology and Asian American Legal Studies. He has been a Patent Examiner, the first Asian American Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the Patent and Trademark Office Society (America's oldest and longest running IP Journal), a Judicial Law Clerk Detailee to the Honorable Jameson Lee, Administrative Patent Judge at the Patent Trial & Appeal Board, and a Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Roy S. Payne of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas as and the Honorable Kandis A. Westmore of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, as well as a Judicial Law Fellow or Pro Bono Law Clerk to the Honorable Michael A. Shipp of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. He was also named a Super Lawyers "Rising Star" for multiple past years, an accolade given to only 2.5% of practicing California attorneys and has published papers that have appeared in leading IP journals such as IDEA: The IP Law Review, the NYU Journal of IP & Entertainment Law, the Fordham IP, Media & Entertainment Law Journal, and the Washington Journal of Law, Technology & the Arts. He received his B.S. in Electrical Engineering & Computer Science from UC Berkeley, a M.S. Engr. In Electrical Engineering from UCLA, his J.D. from UC Hastings College of the Law (where he was Technology Editor & a Staff Editor on the Hastings Law

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Jessica Hudak currently serves as Lead Counsel, Advanced Technology for Edwards Lifesciences. In her role, Jessica supports Edwards' patient-focused innovation through a wide range of issues including intellectual property strategy, regulatory affairs, M&A, investments, and contracts. Prior to joining Edwards, Jessica was an associate at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, where her practice focused on intellectual property litigation. Jessica was a member of the firm's Appellate and Constitutional Law practice group, representing clients in the Supreme Court, Circuit Courts of Appeals, and several district courts across the country. Jessica was part of the team representing Smith & Nephew in Arthrex in the Supreme Court. Jessica served as a law clerk to then-Chief Judge Sharon Prost of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.



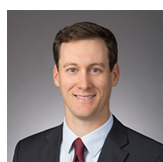
**Janice Jabido**  
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Janice is Director, IP Litigation & Enforcement for Peloton Interactive. Peloton uses technology and design to connect the world through fitness, empowering people to be the best version of themselves anywhere, anytime. Janice is responsible for all aspects of intellectual property, including litigation and post-grant review, as well as development of strategies to manage patent, trade secret, copyright, and trademark portfolios. Janice also provides counsel on general, transactional, and compliance client matters related to intellectual property.

Prior to joining Peloton, Janice was Director & Senior IP Counsel for Pratt & Whitney, a world leader in the design, manufacture, and service of commercial and military aircraft engines. Prior to moving in-house, Janice spent nearly a decade in private practice, and has practiced in many district courts throughout the country as well as the Federal Circuit, the ITC, and before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

Janice is currently a vice-chair of the diversity committee of the PTAB Bar Association, and has been active on the board of the National

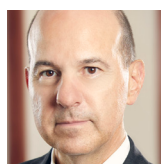
Filipino American Lawyers Association as Regional Governor, Secretary, Vice President for Membership and At-Large. In addition, Janice served as secretary for the Asian American Bar Association of Greater Chicago. Janice received her J.D. and B.S.E. from Tulane University in New Orleans, LA. She has also spent visiting semesters studying at the University of Chicago and Cambridge University, Trinity College.



**Administrative Patent Judge Eric C. Jeschke**  
Patent Trial and Appeal Board

Eric C. Jeschke is an Administrative Patent Judge at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. Prior to joining the Board in 2014, Judge Jeschke served as a law clerk to the Honorable Alvin A. Schall at the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Judge Jeschke also practiced at Finnegan,

Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner LLP, where he focused on automotive, medical device, and consumer electronics products in litigation before district courts, the International Trade Commission, and at the Federal Circuit. Judge Jeschke began his career in the United States Air Force as an aircraft maintenance officer charged with maintaining a squadron of B-1B bombers, and later as a developmental engineer overseeing various aspects of the Atlas V ("Five") satellite launch program. Judge Jeschke graduated with honors from Princeton University with a B.S.E. in Mechanical Engineering, and he received his J.D. from the George Washington University Law School.



**David J. Kappos**  
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David J. Kappos is a partner at Cravath. He is a leader in the field of intellectual property,

including IP management and strategy, the development of global IP norms, laws and practices as well as commercialization and enforcement of innovation-based assets. From 2009 to 2013, Mr. Kappos served as Under Secretary of Commerce and Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). In that role, he advised the President, the Secretary of Commerce and the Administration on IP policy matters. Mr. Kappos led the Agency in dramatically reengineering its entire management and operational systems and its engagement with the global innovation community. He was instrumental in achieving the greatest legislative reform of the U.S. patent system in generations through passage and implementation of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act, signed into law by President Obama in September 2011. Prior to leading the USPTO, Mr. Kappos held several executive posts in the legal department of IBM, the world's largest patent holder. From 2003 to 2009, he served as the company's chief intellectual property

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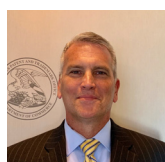
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lawyer. In that capacity, he managed global intellectual property activities for IBM, including all aspects of patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret protection and exploitation. During his more than 25 years at IBM, he also served in a variety of other roles including litigation counsel and Asia Pacific IP counsel, where he led all aspects of IP protection, including licensing, transactions support and M&A activity for the Asia/Pacific region.



**Lead Administrative Patent Judge Phil Kauffman**  
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Phil Kauffman earned a Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Mechanical Engineering, Aerospace Structures Track; a Masters of Science in Military Art and Science from Air Command and Staff College, with honors; and a law degree from the Ohio State University. He is a registered with the state of Michigan and the USPTO.

Prior to joining the USPTO, he served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force as a maintenance officer, program manager, and Judge Advocate. As a Judge Advocate, his primary duties were criminal justice and administrative law.

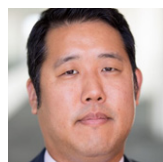
Phil Kauffman joined the Patent Office in 2006, serving briefly as a Patent Examiner and then for two years in the Office of General Law. He joined the Board in 2008 and became an Administrative Patent Judge in 2011. He has a mixed docket of appeals and AIA proceedings. He is a lead judge and runs the internal Administrative Patent Judge training program for the Board.



**Andrew Kerrick**  
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Andrew Kerrick is an IP litigation associate in the D.C. office of Latham &

Watkins. After earning a Bachelor of Science in Life Sciences from Queen's University, Andrew attended UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law to focus his legal education on intellectual property law. During his last semester before graduation from UNH Law, Andrew interned at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He then went on to clerk at the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware and the USPTO's Patent Trial and Appeal Board.



**Hon. Michael Kim, VCJ**  
United States Patent and Trademark Office - Patent Trial and Appeal Board

As of September 14, 2020, the Honorable Michael W. Kim serves as a Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge for Operations at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Judge Kim was appointed as an Administrative Patent Judge on April 24, 2011, and as a Lead Judge in August of 2013. Prior to his appointment, Judge Kim was a patent attorney for the PTAB. In addition to his management responsibilities, which includes managing the PTAB's workload inventory and overseeing the PTAB Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Judge Kim has conducted hundreds of inter partes reviews and post-grant reviews under the America Invents Act (AIA) and reviewed over a thousand adverse decisions of examiners upon applications for patents. He works primarily in the business methods, mechanical, and electrical technology areas.

Prior to joining the USPTO, Judge Kim was a patent attorney at Finnegan, where he focused on patent prosecution and client counseling, before spending a year traveling the country on a presidential election campaign.

Judge Kim received his law degree from the Duke University School of Law, where he was a founding member of the Duke Law and Technology Review, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he also holds concentrations in Economics, Political Science, and Writing.



**John Lee**  
Counsel at U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on the Judiciary

J. John Lee serves as the minority IP Counsel to the House Judiciary Committee, where he has advised Ranking Member Jim Jordan and the other Members on all IP issues before the Committee since 2020. In 2017, he was appointed as a Lead Administrative Patent Judge on the Patent Trial and Appeal Board after first joining the Board as an Administrative Patent Judge in 2014. Prior to joining the Board, he was a partner at the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, where he litigated numerous IP cases before federal district and circuit courts, as well as the Inter-

national Trade Commission. He also clerked for then Chief Judge Paul R. Michel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He received his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and holds technical degrees in Bioengineering and Neuroscience from the University of Pennsylvania.



**Phillip Lee**  
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Phillip is a veteran litigator with substantive experience in patent

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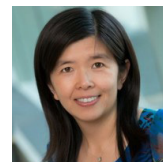
Phillip has participated in every stage of a patent case and has represented clients across a wide array of technology (software/electronic arts to biotech/pharma). Phillip has appeared before numerous federal district courts, the Patent Trial Appeal Board, the International Trade Commission, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Earlier in his career, Phillip had the honor of serving as a judicial law clerk in two federal courts - the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Currently, Phillip as in-house counsel manages a docket of patent cases with outside counsel law firms, negotiates settlement options, drafts settlement agreements, license agreements, and IP provisions of commercial agreements, negotiates acquisitions of IP assets, advises commercial lawyers and business units during negotiations of commercial transactions, administers budget and cost control, and generally provides advice on legal issues impacting the company.

In addition to his in-house role, Phillip is an adjunct lecturer at Santa Clara University School of Law.

Phillip is licensed to practice in California, New York, and Washington D.C. He is also licensed to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and he is a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US).

Prior to joining the legal profession, Phillip served in the Marine Corps and was deployed to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom II.



**Jiang Lin**  
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**Lu Ling**  
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**Brendan McCommas**  
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In addition, Brendan was a senior advisor to Director Michelle Lee and Acting Chief of Staff to Joe Matal while at the USPTO. He received his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law and B.S. in electrical engineering from Grove City College.



**Debbie McComas**  
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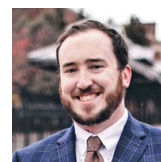
Debbie has led teams in significant appeals and trial matters throughout the country. She argued *In re Schmitz* to the Texas Supreme Court, a case that set the standard for shareholder derivative suits against Texas corporations. Debbie defends foreign corporations and sovereign nations in cross-border disputes, often obtaining dismissal on jurisdictional grounds before discovery. Her extensive knowledge of both state and federal procedure and her ability to quickly grasp facts and legal issues allows her to aid her clients on a broad array of subjects, be it oil and gas or patent infringement.

Debbie is particularly active in the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, where she was recognized by Patexia Inc. as the eighth most active practitioner, handling appeals from both federal district court judgments and final written decisions from the PTAB.



**Lead Administrative Patent Judge Scott C. Moore**  
United States Patent and Trademark Office

Lead Administrative Patent Judge Scott C. Moore decides appeals arising from adverse decisions of Examiners at the United States Patent and Trademark Office and presides over trials to determine patentability of claims in patents subsequent to issuance. He holds a law degree from The University of Chicago Law School and a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering from North Carolina State University. Judge Moore began his legal career as an associate at Irell & Manella LLP. He continued his career at Morrison & Foerster LLP, where he was elected to the partnership in the litigation department. Judge Moore joined the Board in 2014.



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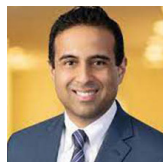


**Lisa Nguyen**  
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Lisa represents cutting-edge technology companies in intellectual property matters, particularly in litigation against non-practicing entities. Lisa is adept at resolving disputes efficiently and identifying pragmatic solutions for her clients. Her practical and deliberate approach to prepare cases for trial regularly disposes of claims early in the process.

Lisa has a proven track record obtaining successful trial verdicts, summary judgment rulings, and dismissals at the pleading stage. She has also obtained multiple walk aways for defendants (obtaining dismissals with no payment to plaintiffs), as well as attorneys' fees. Lisa represents both plaintiffs and defendants in complex multi-defendant, multi-patent cases, and has substantial experience handling cases pending before district courts across the country, the International Trade Commission (ITC), and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB).

Lisa regularly speaks and writes on patent counseling and IP issues. Her speaking engagements include presentations at the Advanced Patent Law Institute, Berkeley Center for Law and Technology, the National Conference of Vietnamese American Attorneys, and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. Lisa has been listed among the Top 50 Women in the PTAB, an Asian Leader Worth Watching, and a Rising Star in IP Litigation.



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Morrison & Foerster LLP

Fahd H. Patel is Of Counsel in the firm's Intellectual Property Group. Fahd focuses his practice on intellectual property litigation before the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) and in district courts, as well as post-grant proceedings at the U.S. Patent Office.

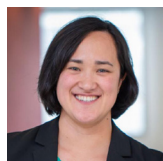
Fahd works on developing case theories throughout the life cycle of a case, from complaint to trial. He frequently works with technical experts, has taken and defended expert depositions, and has prepared multiple experts for deposition and trial. He also prepares case dispositive briefs, performs case management duties, and handles offensive and defensive discovery.

In addition to his litigation practice, Fahd is regularly involved with postgrant proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) under the America Invents Act. He has prepared numerous petitions for inter partes review that have resulted in settlement of the underlying litigation and has also successfully defended against post-grant review and other petitions. He is a committee co-chair for the PTAB Bar Association.

During law school, Fahd worked as a patent examiner at the USPTO, where he examined applications in the areas of computer software, telecommunications, and business methods. He has spent his career working on a wide variety of highly technical subject matters, including telecommunications systems, computer networking, databases, memory interfaces, computer architecture, operating systems, digital rights management, business methods, and computerized financial transactions.

Fahd received his B.S. in computer engineering, with honors, from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and his J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Fahd is admitted to practice before the USPTO.



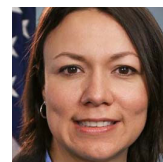
**Anna Phillips**  
Sterne, Kessler,  
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Anna G. Phillips is counsel in Sterne Kessler's Trial & Appellate Practice Group. She represents clients in complex patent matters in federal district courts and the International Trade Commission, in contested proceedings before

the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, and in appeals at the Federal Circuit. She has extensive patent litigation experience in a variety of technological areas, including pharmaceuticals, medical devices, mechanical devices, and electronics. Anna has been involved in all stages of litigation, from pre-suit strategy and injunction practice to trials and appeals.

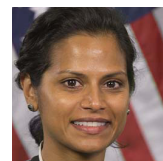
Prior to joining Sterne Kessler, Anna served as a law clerk for the Honorable Jimmie V. Reyna on the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the Honorable John D. Love in the Eastern District of Texas. Prior to her federal circuit clerkship, Anna was a patent litigation associate at a national general practice law firm where her practice focused on Hatch-Waxman litigation.

Anna received her J.D., cum laude, from the University of San Diego School of Law. She earned a B.S. in Architectural Engineering and B.A. in the Plan II Honors Program from The University of Texas at Austin.



**Lead Judge Miriam Quinn**  
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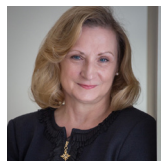
Judge Quinn was appointed to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board ("PTAB") on October 12, 2012. Judge Quinn earned her J.D. from St. Thomas University School of Law in Miami, Florida after working for six years as a telecommunications engineer and project manager. Before joining the PTAB, Judge Quinn was a partner at Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P., now known as Norton Rose Fulbright, in the intellectual property department. And prior to joining Fulbright, Judge Quinn was an Associate at Baker Botts, LLP, in Dallas, Texas. Judge Quinn has held various positions at the PTAB, including Lead Administrative Patent Judge, a role which she has recently resumed, and Acting Vice Chief Judge. She offices in the Texas Regional Office located in Dallas, Texas and focuses on presiding over AIA trials.



**Farheena Rasheed**  
United States Patent  
and Trademark Office

Farheena Y. Rasheed is Deputy Solicitor at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. In that capacity, she manages litigation defending the decisions of the PTAB and TTAB before the Federal Circuit and district courts, works with the

Department of Justice on intellectual property cases before the Supreme Court, and provides legal advice to other USPTO components.



**Teresa Stanek Rea**  
Crowell & Moring, LLP

Teresa "Terry" joined Crowell & Moring LLP, in their Washington, DC

office in November 2013 as a partner in the Intellectual Property Group. Prior to joining Crowell, she served as Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, and Acting Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Terry focuses on a full range of intellectual property matters including opinions, litigation, patent office expert matters, arbitrations and mediation related to a wide variety of technologies while specializing in pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and other life science issues. She worked for Ethyl Corporation from 1980 through 1984. Terry is the former president of the American Intellectual Property Law Association, the National Inventors Hall of Fame, the Foundation for the Diversity of IP Law and the Pauline Newman American IP Inn of Court. She is a licensed pharmacist. Terry obtained her Juris Doctor degree from Wayne State University and her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Michigan. She is also an adjunct professor at George Washington University law school where she teaches Advanced IP Seminars. Terry is a steering group leader of Working Groups 9/10 of The Sedona Conference. Managing IP identified her as one of the Top 50 Most Influential People in Intellectual Property (2013). Terry has been named among the National Law Journal's 2014 "Intellectual Property Trailblazers & Pioneers," Law360's "2014 Most Influential Women in IP," the Washington Business Journal's "Legal Champions," IAM Strategy 300 selected her as one of The World's Leading IP Strategists (2015) and Intellectual Asset Management's "World's Leading IP Strategists 2016." She was also named one of Law360's Top 25 Icons of IP (2016). She received the Patent and Trademark Office Society's 2017 Pasquale J. Federico Memorial Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the patent and trademark systems of the United States. She has also been recognized in the current editions of The Best Lawyers in America in the Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice. In 2020, she was inducted into the IP Hall of Fame. In June

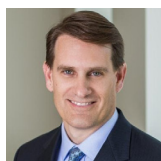
2021, Managing IP named her to the 2021 edition of the "Top 250 Women in IP" list.



**Patric Reinbold**  
PTAB

Mr. Patric Reinbold earned a law degree from the University of Wisconsin

Law School and a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering with a design concentration and a minor in mathematics from the University of Iowa. During law school, Mr. Reinbold served on the board of the Intellectual Property Student Organization, the Space Law Society, and as a Senior Managing Editor of the Wisconsin Law Review. Before joining the PTAB as a Judicial Law Clerk, Mr. Reinbold interned at the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin and in the Office of General Counsel at NASA.



**Karl Renner**  
Fish & Richardson P.C.

Karl Renner is a Principal in the Washington, D.C. office of Fish & Richardson

P.C. Mr. Renner co-chairs the firm's Post-Grant Practice Group, and he serves on the firm's Management Committee. His practice emphasizes client counseling, strategic patent prosecution, and contentious inter and ex parte post-grant and reissue work. In this practice, Mr. Renner has provided direction for well over 500 AIA post-grant matters, challenging and defending patents, most commonly in coordination with litigation counsel amidst co-pending disputes. Recently, he was elected to serve as president of the PTAB Bar Association, complementing his service as a founding director of the association, the first national bar association of its kind in more than 30 years. The PTAB Bar Association intends to establish best practices for the unique practice and skills required before the PTAB.

Mr. Renner manages the patent portfolios of clients ranging from emerging companies to Fortune 50 corporations. He also regularly advises on effective commercialization/enforcement of company IP, and on defensive tactics to address competitor IP. In this regard, he specializes in post-grant matters, representing both patent owners and challengers.

His technical focus is on the electrical, computer-related, physics and mechanical arts. As such, Mr. Renner has extensive experience

in the following technologies: internet-driven solutions, network systems and protocols, data storage and retrieval standards and media, microprocessor and computer architecture, mobile and other communications equipment and processes, display technologies, semiconductor devices and fabrication processes, signal and image processing techniques, complex optical and mechanical devices, error detection and correction techniques, cryptography, telecommunications, financial processes, acoustics and video standards and equipment, and thermodynamic processes and systems.

Mr. Renner has prior engineering experience with the Instrumentation Branch of the U.S. Department of Energy, where he worked on the development and implementation of control systems, high-frequency optical imaging of particles during combustion processes, computer programming in machine and object oriented languages, and computer design and breadboard testing of analog circuits. Mr. Renner is now a frequent lecturer and author on intellectual property matters, regularly speaking at University of Maryland events, in conjunction with their Engineering Schools and Hinman CEO program.



**David Ruschke**  
Central Reexamination Unit

David P. Ruschke is the Director of the USPTO's Central Reexamination

Unit (CRU). The CRU is responsible for ex parte and inter partes reexamination requests, reissue applications, and supplemental examination requests at the USPTO. He has led the CRU's team of close to 100 specialist patent examiners since September 2020. Prior to becoming the Director of the CRU, Dr. Ruschke was Senior Advisor to the Patents organization, focusing particularly on policy matters and issues involving the overlap and interplay of Patents and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

Dr. Ruschke joined the USPTO in May 2016 as the Chief Judge for the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). As Chief Judge, Dr. Ruschke led the PTAB as it conducted AIA trials, including inter partes, post-grant, and covered business method patent reviews and derivation proceedings, heard appeals from adverse examiner decisions in patent applications and reexamination proceedings, and rendered decisions in interferences. In his previous role, Dr. Ruschke managed the intellectual property portfolio of Medtronic's CSH business unit, with

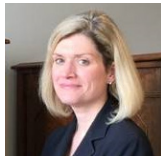


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sales in excess of \$3 billion. As Chief Patent Counsel, Dr. Ruschke participated in numerous patent appeals, interferences, post grant reviews, inter partes reviews, and covered business method patent reviews. He gained extensive experience in post-grant proceedings in Europe and participated in third-party contested proceedings before administrative agencies and courts around the world. He has significant experience in shaping and integrating teams of professionals, as well as managing a workforce that is geographically dispersed.

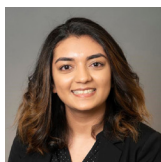
Prior to joining Medtronic, Dr. Ruschke practiced with Covington & Burling in Washington DC, where he litigated claims of patent infringement. Dr. Ruschke's judicial experience includes clerking for Chief Judge Glenn L. Archer, Jr. and Circuit Judge Arthur J. Gajarsa at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Dr. Ruschke received his JD from Georgetown University Law Center, and holds a PhD in organometallic chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a BS in chemistry from the University of Minnesota.



**Administrative Patent Judge Kristi L.R. Sawert**  
United States Patent and Trademark Office

Judge Kristi L. R. Sawert earned a law degree from George Washington University Law School, a Ph.D. degree in Biochemistry from Ohio State University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Berea College. Judge Sawert served as a Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Paul R. Michel, Chief Circuit Judge (Ret.), at the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Before entering service in the Federal Government, Judge Sawert worked in private practice as an associate with the law firms Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, and Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP. Judge Sawert joined the Board from the Office of the Solicitor at the USPTO, where she served as an Associate Solicitor.



**Isha Shah**  
PTAB

Ms. Isha Shah earned a law degree from the George Washington University Law School and was part of the Intellectual Property

Concentration. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering from the University of South Carolina. During law school, Ms. Shah worked at Biotechnology Innovation Organization as an intellectual property intern. Currently, she is a PTAB law clerk.



**Sangeeta Shah**  
Brooks Kushman

Sangeeta serves as the firm's Chief Executive Officer and has over 20 years of experience. Her practice includes all aspects of intellectual property litigation, prosecution and counseling, with a special focus on post-grant challenges and patent opinions. She represents several Fortune 500 clients for whom she provides strategic counseling and guidance on their global intellectual property portfolios.

Sangeeta has handled numerous patent, trade secret, trademark, and unfair competition cases involving parties in the chemical, software, automotive and metallurgical industries on such matters as injection molded polyethylene terephthalate bottles, polymer reinforcements, magnetic storage devices, emission testing equipment, touch controlled switching circuits, compression molded doors, chemical vapor deposition processes and cutting tools. She has also litigated design patent and copyright infringement cases in such diverse areas as architectural building designs, automotive parts and consumer products.

In view of the breadth of her experience in both prosecution and litigation matters, Sangeeta is the Co-Chair of Brooks Kushman's Post Grant practice group and she is nationally recognized for her experience. She leads teams to challenge and defend patents using the post-grant challenges available in the wake of the America Invents Act. She is at the forefront of this changing landscape and its implications and works closely with clients to take proactive steps to obtain competitive advantage from an adversarial and patent procurement standpoint. Sangeeta has been instrumental in building the Post Grant practice group at Brooks Kushman.

She is frequently called upon to counsel clients in developing best practices and strategic planning of their patent portfolios, including writing successful patent applications in complex and novel situations, in anticipation of possible future litigation. She works closely

with clients from the earliest stages of their technical development, offering valuable advice about how to protect their inventions and new ideas in view of their business strategies. She advises clients on multi-faceted patent clearance, and adversarial matters and works with technical and legal teams to develop invalidity arguments and design around solutions to bolster her clients' positions.

Through her opinion and prosecution practice, Sangeeta has extensive experience with chemical and mechanical technologies, in the areas of catalysts, food science, packaging, analytical instrumentation, dietary supplements, diagnostic kits, adhesives, plastics, therapeutics and metallurgy.

A growing component of her work revolves around India. She has represented U.S. companies going into India, and Indian companies doing business in the U.S. to help obtain and protect global intellectual property assets.

Prior to becoming CEO, Sangeeta served as the firm's Chief Diversity Officer. Through her efforts, she created a culture of diversity and inclusiveness within the firm and extend the firm's reach through pipeline initiatives and outreach efforts. Prior to this position, she also managed human resources for Brooks Kushman for over 10 years.

She has been recognized as one of the Top 50 Women in PTAB Trials in 2019, a 2009 "Women Worth Watching," a "Top Lawyer" by DBusiness and is a 2012 "Women in the Law" awardee. She has spoken at several business and legal conferences on a variety of intellectual property topics at the IP Leadership Forum, Global IP Convention, the Women Lawyer's Association of Michigan, State of Bar Michigan, Intellectual Property Division, the Association of Press Photographers, the American Society of Engineers of Indian Origin, and TiE.

Sangeeta's spare time is dedicated to community outreach. In 2012, she founded an early literacy initiative, Retooling Detroit, that assists hundreds of Detroit public school children each year—ensuring that their reading skills improve so that the cycle of illiteracy and poverty can be broken one child at a time. She is also actively involved in the Isha Foundation and its global environmental, education and health initiatives which focus on the use of meditation as a transformative tool for change.



**Keaton Sheeler**  
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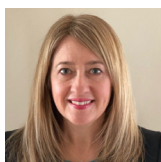
Mr. Keaton Sheeler is currently serving as a law clerk for the PTAB.

Keaton earned his law degree at William & Mary Law School, where he served as the executive editor of the *Environmental Law & Policy Review* as well as treasurer of the Student Intellectual Property Society. Prior to law school, he studied biochemistry at the University of Minnesota, and conducted undergraduate research at the Mayo Clinic.



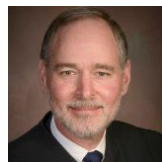
**Molly Silfen**  
Counsel Detailee  
at U.S. Senate

Molly Silfen works for Senator Leahy as intellectual property counsel. She is on a temporary assignment from her work in the Solicitor's Office at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. In Congress, she assists Senator Leahy in enacting intellectual property policy, planning hearings, and addressing stakeholder feedback. In her Solicitor's Office role, she represents the agency in court on issues such as substantive patent and trademark law, administrative law, and constitutional law. Molly previously worked in private practice, both litigating and prosecuting patent applications. Molly clerked for Judge Alan D. Lourie at the Federal Circuit. She holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Yale University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.



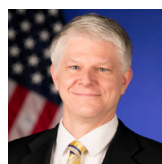
**Administrative Patent Judge Kara Szpondowski**  
United States Patent  
and Trademark Office

Administrative Patent Judge Kara Szpondowski was appointed to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board in June 2015. Judge Szpondowski received a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Purdue University and a J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law. Prior to joining the Board, Judge Szpondowski was a shareholder at Niro, Haller & Niro in Chicago where she practiced patent litigation. Prior to law school, Judge Szpondowski worked in management consulting at Accenture.



**Circuit Judge Richard Taranto**  
US Court of Appeals for  
the Federal Circuit

Judge Taranto was appointed by President Barack H. Obama in 2013. Judge Taranto practiced law with the firm of Farr & Taranto from 1989 to 2013, where he specialized in appellate litigation. From 1986 to 1989, he served as an Assistant to the Solicitor General, representing the United States in the Supreme Court. He was in private practice from 1984 to 1986 with the firm of Onek, Klein & Farr. Judge Taranto served as a law clerk at all three levels of the federal court system. He clerked for Justice Sandra Day O'Connor of the Supreme Court of the United States from 1983 to 1984; for Judge Robert Bork of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit from 1982 to 1983; and for Judge Abraham Sofaer of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York from 1981 to 1982. Judge Taranto received a J.D. from Yale Law School in 1981 and a B.A. from Pomona College in 1977.



**Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge Michael P. Tierney**  
United States Patent  
and Trademark Office

Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge Michael P. Tierney was appointed to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) on July 31, 2000. Vice Chief Judge Tierney joined the PTAB as an administrative patent judge in the Chemical Section, where he handled ex parte appeals of chemical cases. Later, Vice Chief Judge Tierney worked as a member of the Interference Trial Section, where he worked on interferences, reexaminations, and supervised two patent attorneys working on ex parte appeals. As part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) implementation of the America Invents Act (AIA), Vice Chief Judge Tierney led the PTAB's comprehensive effort on trial rulemaking. He worked closely with USPTO executive officials, trial judges, the patent community, and other members of the public to develop the trial rules. Vice Chief Judge Tierney has given numerous presentations to educate the patent community on the statutory provisions, proposed rules, and

final rules for the AIA administrative trials.

Vice Chief Judge Tierney joined the USPTO as a patent examiner, where he primarily examined applications for chemical compositions. Prior to his appointment to the PTAB, Vice Chief Judge Tierney served as an associate at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP, where his practice concentrated on patent litigation, opinions, and prosecution.

Vice Chief Judge Tierney received both a Juris Doctor degree and a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Washington.



**Derrick Toddy**  
Klarquist

Derrick's practice encompasses advising and assisting clients during all phases of the patent life cycle, from prosecution strategy and freedom to operate analyses, to litigation and "alternatives to litigation" such as USPTO post-grant proceedings, to patent acquisition, licensing, and settlement.

Leveraging his skill as both a registered patent attorney and experienced patent litigator, Derrick has prosecuted and litigated patents in mechanical and software-related fields. Representative clients span multiple industries, including technology companies Microsoft, SAP, and Amazon, sports equipment manufacturer Taylor Made Golf, and medical device manufacturers Dexcom and Edwards Lifesciences. Derrick has represented clients in intellectual property disputes in district courts nationwide, from California to Massachusetts to Puerto Rico, and points in between, and on appeal to the Federal Circuit.

Derrick also has extensive experience in preparing and defending inter partes reviews, reexaminations, and other USPTO post-grant proceedings, routinely arguing before the Patent Trials and Appeal Board (PTAB).



**Richard Torczon**  
Wilson Sonsini

Richard Torczon is senior counsel in the Washington, D.C., office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where he is a member of the patent litigation practice.

Prior to joining the firm, Richard was an Administrative Patent Judge at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), where, since

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1996, he worked on patent interferences and appeals. During his tenure at the PTAB, he wrote more than a thousand opinions and orders on patent appeals, petitions, motions, and briefs. Richard was an early member of the interference trial section and authored many of the PTAB's rules. He has experience in the full spectrum of technologies reviewed by the PTAB, including computer-based inventions, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, chemicals and medical devices, and plant and design patents.

Before serving as a judge, Richard was an associate solicitor in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO's) Office of the Solicitor, where he represented the USPTO on patent and trademark matters, particularly before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Additionally, Richard was an Honors Attorney at the U.S. Department of Commerce, and prior to joining the government, he worked at the Adachi International Patent Law firm in Nagoya, Japan.

Richard has spoken extensively on legal ethics, effective arguments, and board-related topics at programs for numerous organizations, including the American Bar Association, the American Intellectual Property Law Association, the Virginia State Bar, and the New York Intellectual Property Law Association.



**Philip Warrick**  
Irell & Manella LLP

Philip Warrick's practice is focused on intellectual property, including patent litigation, appellate and policy matters. Prior to joining Irell & Manella LLP, he practiced IP law for 15 years, including experience spanning private practice and all three branches of government. He most recently worked as an associate solicitor for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, which also included serving as the USPTO's IP counsel detailee to U.S. Senator Chris Coons.

At the USPTO, Philip advised the agency on intellectual property and administrative law. He also represented the agency and director in federal court, which included arguing more than a dozen appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

As an IP counsel detailee, Philip spearheaded legislative efforts and provided policy counsel to Senator Coons and the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee on all aspects of intellectual property.

## Brad Watts

Minority Chief Counsel for Ranking Member Thom Tillis on the Senate Judiciary IP Subcommittee

Brad Watts is the Minority Chief Counsel of the Senate Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on Intellectual Property. As Minority Chief Counsel, Mr. Watts is responsible for planning and implementing Ranking Member Thom Tillis and the Republican minority's legislative portfolio on all aspects of intellectual property law.

He previously served as Majority Chief Counsel and Staff Director for the Senate Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on Intellectual Property in the 116th Congress under then Chairman Thom Tillis. As Majority Chief Counsel, Mr. Watts was responsible for planning and implementing then Chairman Tillis' legislative and oversight agenda on all aspects of America's innovation economy. During his tenure as Majority Chief Counsel, the Subcommittee held over seventeen legislative and oversight hearings and multiple staff briefings on intellectual property issues ranging from the state of patent eligibility law in America to reforming the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998. Under Mr. Watts' leadership, the Subcommittee passed the CASE Act, the Trademark Modernization Act, and the Protecting Lawful Streaming Act, three landmark bills that collectively represent the largest changes to intellectual property law since the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act.

Prior to his appointment as the Subcommittee's Majority Chief Counsel, he had served as Chief Counsel in Senator Thom Tillis' (R-N.C.) personal office. Earlier in Mr. Watts' career he spent two years serving as Chief Immigration Counsel to then Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-IA). He began his career with then Senator Jeff Sessions as a Legislative Counsel on the Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest, handling civil rights and civil liberties law, general tort law, bankruptcy, telecommunications, and intellectual property issues for the Senator.



**Brad Waugh**  
Intel

Brad Waugh is an Associate General Counsel at Intel, where he serves as a litigation manager for patent disputes in the US and abroad. Before joining Intel, he practiced at the Cooley and Day Casebeer law firms. Brad holds degrees in

electrical engineering from Georgia Tech and Rice, and a law degree from Stanford.



**Kenneth Weatherwax**  
Lowenstein & Weatherwax LLP

Kenneth Weatherwax is co-founder of Lowenstein & Weatherwax LLP. He has served as counsel in hundreds of inter partes review and covered business method patent review matters before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. In 2018, he was ranked by Patexia as the fifth best performing attorney in the history of inter partes review, and his firm was ranked as the best performing law firm in the history of inter partes review. Docket Navigator also named him one of the top attorneys in the PTAB. Mr. Weatherwax has also served as counsel in groundbreaking appeals in the Federal Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Weatherwax is regularly quoted in national legal media, and his articles appear in such publications as the Journal of the Patent & Trademark Office Society and the Intellectual Property & Technology Law Journal. Mr. Weatherwax is chair of the Appellate Desk of the PTAB Bar Association Roundup and an editor of the PTAB Bar Association Law Journal. Before co-founding Lowenstein & Weatherwax, he clerked on the Ninth Circuit and practiced for ten years at Irell & Manella LLP in high-stakes patent infringement litigation. He has a degree in mechanical engineering from Princeton University.



**Lead Judge  
Amanda Wieker**  
United States Patent and Trademark Office

Amanda Flynn Wieker is a Lead Judge with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office's Patent Trial and Appeal Board, where she presides over inter partes review proceedings, and appeals from adverse decisions of U.S. Patent Examiners. Judge Wieker began her career as a Patent Examiner, where she examined patent applications for various mechanical technologies. Judge Wieker then attended William & Mary Law School and, upon graduation, joined the law firm of Ropes & Gray. There, she participated in patent cases before U.S. district courts, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the U.S. International Trade Commission, and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. In

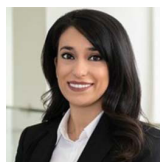
2014, she was appointed as an Administrative Patent Judge. Judge Wieker earned her J.D. from William & Mary Law School, and her B.E. from Vanderbilt University, where she studied Biomedical Engineering. Judge Wieker lives outside of Richmond, VA, with her husband Steve, and her two children, Liam and Owen, and her golden retriever, Coco.



**Lead Administrative Patent Judge James Worth**

United States Patent and Trademark Office

James A. Worth was appointed as an Administrative Patent Judge on May 19, 2014. Judge Worth earned his law degree from the New York University School of Law. He also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from the Yale College. Judge Worth served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Pauline Newman, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He continued his public service as a Special Assistant United States Attorney with the United States Attorney's Office at the Eastern District of Virginia. Prior to joining the Board, Judge Worth served as a General Attorney at the United States International Trade Commission.



**Renia Zervos**

O'Melveny & Myers LLP

Renia Zervos (Argirenia) is a litigation associate based in

O'Melveny's Washington, DC office. She specializes in advising clients on intellectual property and technology matters.

Prior to joining O'Melveny, Renia worked at an IP specialty firm, focusing on post grant proceedings. Renia also was a patent examiner before becoming a judicial clerk for the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). As a clerk, she worked with multiple Administrative Patent Judges across different technologies in AIA trials. She also detailed in the Office of the Undersecretary and Director to support the Chief of Staff, Senior Legal Advisors, and PTAB leadership on various policy matters.

Renia also coteaches a course on PTO litigation as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Baltimore School of Law.





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