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## **2023 PTAB Bar Annual Conference**

March 8-10, 2023 | Washington DC

# Welcome Letter

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2023 PTAB Bar Association Annual Conference! We are always excited to bring our community together, whether in person or virtually. Ours is a robust community, and we are grateful for your commitment to each other and the Association, and ultimately your commitment to practice before the PTAB.

We are delighted to again 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 social events each evening to take full advantage of the opportunities to network with your colleagues and friends (additional details on those events can be found in your virtual program).

We also offer an enthusiastic welcome to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO, Kathi Vidal, who will join us for a "Fireside" Chat at 5:00 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 give the keynote address at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday), Kimberly Kelleher, OED, USPTO (who will participate in the panel discussion on ethics before the PTAB at 11:00 a.m. on Friday) and the dozens of Administrative Patent Judges and other USPTO dignitaries. Furthermore, we extend a special thanks to our panelists from the federal judiciary, including Federal Circuit Judge Pauline Newman, Magistrate Judge Christopher Burke, and Chief Administrative Law Judge Clark Cheney.

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, academics, and other thought leaders 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 a debate over the current state of Section 112 law and a judges panel.

Every year the planning for this conference is a herculean task. From deciding on content, finding the best possible speakers and panelists, and taking care of all the logistical details, it is always amazing to see it all come together. The Board would like to recognize in particular the tremendous efforts of Heather Petruzzi, Fahd Patel, Laura Dueppen, Lissi Mojica, David Reese, and Dana Loustit, as well as the Board liaisons and other committee members whose 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 grateful for your ongoing support.

Finally, although for many of us our daily activities have returned to pre-COVID routines, please be assured that the Association is committed faithfully to your health and safety. All attendees should feel comfortable wearing masks. 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 seeing all of you over the next few days!

Very truly yours,

David W. Higer

President, PTAB Bar Association Board of Directors

# PTAB Leadership

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# 2024 PTAB Bar Association Annual Conference

March 6-8, 2024 | The Ritz-Carlton, Washington, D.C.

# About the PTAB Bar Association

## The PTAB Bar Association History

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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

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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.

## Instructions for Obtaining CLE Credit

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CLE applications have been submitted for the following states: AZ, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, IL, KS, ME, MN, MO, NC, NJ, NY, OH, OR, PA, TX, VA, and WA.

**For in-person attendees: All attorneys are required to sign in and out of each session** at the CLE Desk in the Grand Ballroom Foyer. Additionally, any attendees requesting CLE credit must complete the **digital CLE Request Form** at the conclusion of the conference.

**For virtual attendees:** CLE credits are available during the live-streamed sessions; CLE is not available for recorded sessions watched at a later time. All attorneys seeking CLE Credit must complete the digital CLE Request Form found on the platform tab.

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. **This code will be announced by the moderator at the middle of the session and also added to the chat for all of those attendees on the virtual platform.**

All CLE requests with pre-approved states will be processed within 30 days. CLE certificates will be sent via email at the email address provided on the form.

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.

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# Welcome Letter from Chairs

Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to welcome you to the PTAB Bar Association's 2023 Annual Conference. The Annual Conference Committee has worked hard to ensure an engaging experience. We sincerely hope you enjoy all that the conference has to offer, and that this opportunity to interact with your peers 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 effective use of experts in a PTAB trial, hot topics, and a debate about the status of section 112 law. We are fortunate to have Director Kathi Vidal join us to share her perspectives in a fireside chat.

Back by popular demand, we are once again featuring "APJ Day!" on the first day of the conference (Wednesday, March 8). Three different sessions will cover a bootcamp, mock arguments, and a fun game of Family Feud.

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 Wednesday evening, there will be a special wine-and-cheese pairing and on Thursday evening, attendees will be treated to mixologist stations and hors d'oeuvres, both 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 Dan Zeilberger, Josh Goldberg, and Scott Jarratt, and this year's PTAB Bar Association president, Dave Higer. A special thanks also goes to members of the Conference Committee, who helped us plan the conference. We are also deeply indebted to our sponsors, who are identified in our program, on our website, and on the conference slides 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.

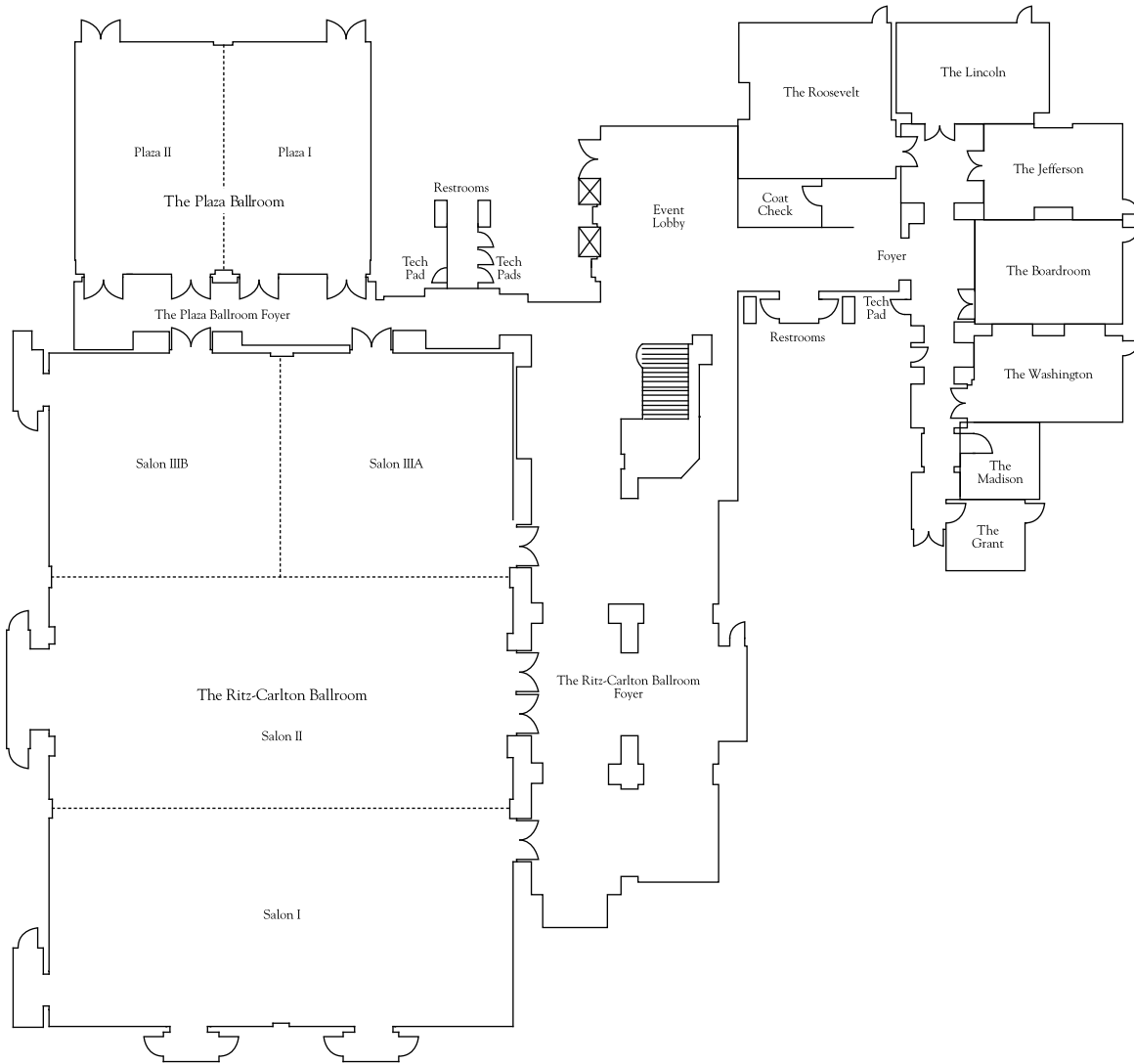
Sincerely,

Heather Petruzzi and Fahd Patel

Co-Chairs of the Conference Committee

# Map

## RITZ CARLTON, WASHINGTON DC (BALLROOM LEVEL)



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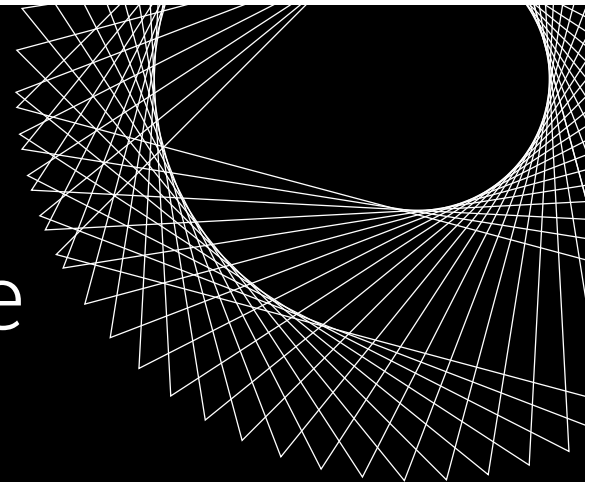
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# Schedule at a Glance

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023

11:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration Open	Salon Foyer
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>APJ Day Bootcamp</b>	Ritz-Carlton Ballroom
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Transition Break	
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	<b>APJ Day: Ex Parte Appeal Mock Argument with the APJs</b>	Ritz-Carlton Ballroom
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Networking Break	Salon Foyer
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>APJ Day: LEAP v. LEAPT (A Game Show)</b>	Ritz-Carlton Ballroom
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	APJ Day Welcome and Committee Meet & Greet	Salon Foyer

## THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023

7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration Open	Salon Foyer
7:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast	Salon Foyer
	Committee Meetings	Plaza Ballroom
8:00 am – 5:00pm	Speaker Ready Room	Madison
8:45 am – 9:00 am	<b>Welcome Remarks</b>	Ritz-Carlton Ballroom
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>General Session 1 – Hot Topics</b>	Ritz-Carlton Ballroom
10:00 am – 10:15 am	<b>Transition Break</b>	
10:15 am – 11:15 am	<b>General Session 2 – Effective Use of an Expert in a PTAB Trial</b>	Ritz-Carlton Ballroom
11:15 am – 11:30 am	Networking Break	Salon Foyer
11:30 am – 12:15 pm	<b>General Session 3 – APJ Insights on Procedural and Substantive Issues Before the Board</b>	Ritz-Carlton Ballroom
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Chief Judge Welcome</b>	Ritz-Carlton Ballroom
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Networking Lunch & Association Business Meeting	Ritz-Carlton Ballroom
2:15 pm – 2:30 pm	Transition Break	
2:30 pm – 3:30pm	<b>Concurrent Session A – Petition Pitfalls and Persuasive POPRs</b>	Ritz-Carlton Ballroom
	<b>Concurrent Session B – Post-Grant Pathways: Strategic Considerations</b>	Plaza Ballroom

# Schedule at a Glance

## THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023 (CONTINUED)

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Networking Break	Salon Foyer
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	<b>General Session 4 – Taking Action: Preventing Lost Marie Curies and Patricia Baths</b>	Ritz-Carlton Ballroom
4:45 pm – 5:00:pm	Transition Break	
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	<b>Fireside Chat “Fireside” Chat with the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO</b>	Ritz-Carlton Ballroom
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Networking Reception	Salon Foyer

## FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023

7:00 am – 1:00 pm	<b>Registration Open</b>	Salon Foyer
7:00 am – 12:00pm	Speaker Ready Room	The Grant Room
7:00 am – 7:45 am	PTAB Bar Association Walk for STEM	Outside the Ritz-Carlton, Washington, DC
7:30 am – 8:30 am	PTAB Bar Board Meeting	Jefferson
8:00 am – 8:45 am	Diversity & Women’s Committee Breakfast	Roosevelt
8:45 am – 9:45 am	<b>General Session 5 – Debate – What is the State of Section 112 Law and Where it is Headed</b>	Ritz-Carlton Ballroom
9:45 am – 10:00 am	Transition Break	
10:00 am – 10:45 am	<b>General Session 6 – The Judges Panel</b>	Ritz-Carlton Ballroom
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Networking Break	Salon Foyer
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>General Session 7 – Ethics Before the PTAB</b>	Ritz-Carlton Ballroom
12:00 pm – 12:10 pm	Closing Remarks	Ritz-Carlton Ballroom

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# Sessions

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023

1:00pm – 2:00pm | Ritz-Carlton Ballroom

## APJ Day: Bootcamp

This session, co-sponsored by the Young Lawyer and Agents Committee of the PTAB Bar Association, offers a nuts and bolts overview of post-grant proceedings, focusing on IPR practice.

Moderator: Eugene Goryunov, Haynes and Boone LLP  
Jennifer Chagnon, Sterne Kessler Goldstein & Fox PLLC  
Stephanie Schoenwald, Choate Hall & Stewart LLP  
Li Guo, Bunsow DeMory LLP  
Admin. Patent Judge Brent Dougal, USPTO  
Lead Admin. Patent Judge Amber Hagy, USPTO

2:15pm – 3:15pm | Ritz-Carlton Ballroom

## APJ Day: Ex Parte Appeal Mock Argument with the APJ's

Join us for a mock oral argument featuring an excerpt from an IPR oral hearing before APJs. Witness the types of questions the APJs ask the parties and gain valuable insights from the APJs.

Vice Chief Judge Janet Gongola, USPTO  
Lead Admin. Patent Judge Ryan Flax, USPTO  
Admin. Patent Judge Terrence McMillin, USPTO  
Acting Lead Admin. Patent Judge Phillip Kauffman, USPTO  
Lead Admin. Patent Judge Georgianna Braden, USPTO  
Admin. Patent Judge Devon Zastrow Newman, USPTO

3:30pm – 4:30pm | Ritz-Carlton Ballroom

## APJ Day: LEAP v. LEAPT (A Game Show)

This game show format provides tips for PTAB practice and tests participants knowledge about various aspects of PTAB practice including appeals, trials, hearings, precedent, and motions.

Vice Chief Judge Kalyan Deshpande, USPTO  
Lead Admin. Patent Judge David Kohut, USPTO  
Brandy Zukanovich, USPTO  
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Christopher Keller, Law Clerk, USPTO  
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Michelle Aspen, Unified Patents LLC  
Kristina Caggiano Kelly, Sterne Kessler Goldstein & Fox PLLC  
Erin Dunston, Pantich Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP  
David O'Brien, Haynes and Boone LLP  
Jennifer O'Connell, Stanek Lemon Crouse & Meeks  
David Cavanaugh, Wilmerhale LLP

4:30pm – 5:45pm | Salon Foyer

## APJ Day Welcome Mixer and Committee Meet & Greet

# Sessions

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023

8:45am – 9:00am | Ritz-Carlton Ballroom

## Welcome Remarks

Welcome: PTAB Bar Association President,  
David Higer, Wicks & Phillips

9:00am – 10:00am | Ritz-Carlton Ballroom

## General Session 1 – Hot Topics Before the PTAB

This session will offer a panel discussion focusing on strategies to address estoppel, discretionary denial, claim construction, litigation funding, and other impressions from the Director's first year.

Moderator: Andrew Baluch, Smith Baluch LLP  
Ashraf Fawzy, Unified Patents LLC  
Josh Goldberg, Finnegan Henderson Farabow  
Garrett & Dunner LLP  
Jessica Kaiser, Arnold & Porter Kaye & Scholer LLP  
Harper Batts, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP

10:15am – 11:15am | Ritz-Carlton Ballroom

## General Session 2 – Effective Use of an Expert in a PTAB Trial

Learn from a panel discussing the dos and don'ts for using an expert and providing expert testimony during a PTAB trial.

Moderator: Courtenay Brinckerhoff, Foley & Lardner LLP  
Daniel Zeilberger, Paul Hastings LLP  
Admin. Patent Judge Thomas Giannetti, USPTO  
Michael Babbitt, Willke Farr & Gallagher LLP  
Nicholas Kim, Microsoft

11:30am – 12:30pm | Ritz-Carlton Ballroom

## General Session 3 – APJ Insights on Procedural and Substantive Issues Before the Board

Join the APJs for a discussion and practice tips on hot topics, including preinstitution replies, surreply evidence, and other tough procedural and substantive fact patterns.

Moderator: Deborah Yellin, Crowell & Moring LLP  
Acting Deputy Chief Judge Melissa Haapala, USPTO  
Vice Chief Judge Michael Tierney, USPTO  
Acting Deputy Chief Judge Michael Kim, USPTO  
Acting Vice Chief Judge Linda Horner, USPTO

12:30pm – 1:00pm | Ritz-Carlton Ballroom

## Chief Judge Welcome

Introduction: PTAB Bar Association President, David Higer, Wick Phillips  
Keynote: Chief Judge Scott Boalick, USPTO

1:00pm – 2:30pm | Ritz-Carlton Ballroom

## Networking Lunch & Association Business Meeting

# Sessions

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023

2:30pm – 3:30pm | Ritz-Carlton Ballroom

## Concurrent Session A – Petition Pitfalls and Persuasive POPRs

Come join a panel discussion of the good, the bad, and the costly in IPR petitions and POPRs, driven by data from institution denials and practice tips on how to write persuasive papers.

Moderator: Gene Lee, Perkins Coie LLP  
Alex Yap, Morrison & Foerster LLP  
Megan Raymond, Groombridge Wu Baughman & Stone PLLC  
Andrew Turner, Brooks Kushman PC  
Acting Senior Lead Judge Miriam Quinn, USPTO

2:30pm – 3:30pm | Plaza Ballroom

## Concurrent Session B – Post-Grant Pathways: Strategic Considerations

This session, co-sponsored with the Appeals to the PTAB and Industry Committees, will offer a survey of different approaches available at the PTAB, including the interplay between IPR, reexamination, reissue, and supplemental examination proceedings, and the strategic considerations for each option. Join practitioners and in-house panelists to discuss the how, why, why not, pitfalls and advantages of each approach.

Moderator: Deborah Herzfeld, McNeill Baur PLLC  
Kevin McNish, McNish PLLC  
Buddy Toliver, Cisco  
Thomas Scott, Personalized Media Communications  
Deputy Chief Judge Jacqueline Bonilla, USPTO

3:45pm – 4:45pm | Ritz-Carlton Ballroom

## General Session 4 – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Discussion, Taking Action: Preventing Lost Marie Curies and Patricia Baths

Studies show that diverse teams increase innovation. This session, co-sponsored with the Women's and the Diversity Committees, will discuss why diversity is important to innovation and the practical steps we can each take to promote diversity in the field.

Moderator: Tom Rozyłowicz, Fish & Richardson PC  
Lolita Darden, George Washington Univ., Law School  
Paul Gugliuzza, Temple University, Beasley School of Law  
Lead Admin. Patent Judge Annette Reimers, USPTO  
Sabra-Anne Truesdale, Western Digital

5:00pm – 5:30pm | Ritz-Carlton Ballroom

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

This session will feature a live discussion Director of the USPTO Kathi Vidal

Moderator: David Higer, Wick Phillips

5:30pm – 7:00pm | Salon Foyer

## Networking Social Reception

Please join your PTAB Bar colleagues for a networking reception to mingle with old friends and make new connections.

# Sessions

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023

7:00am – 7:45am | Outside Ritz-Carlton

## PTAB Bar Association Walk for STEM

8:00am – 8:45am | Roosevelt Room

## Diversity and Women's Breakfast

8:45am – 9:45am | Ritz-Carlton Ballroom

## General Session 5 - What is the State of Section 112 Law and Where Is It Headed?

Join us for a Debate. Our speakers will discuss the contours of written description and enablement law as it currently stands and thoughts as to where it is headed.

Moderator: Jad Mills, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati PC  
John Whealan, George Washington University, Law School  
Nina Srejavic, Georgetown University Law Center

10:00am – 10:45am | Salon I & II

## General Session 6 – The Judges Panel

Join us for a conversation with Circuit Judge Pauline Newman, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Magistrate Judge Christopher Burke, United States District Court for the District of Delaware, and Chief Administrative Law Judge Clark Cheney, United States International Trade Commission.

Moderator: Gabriel Bell, Latham & Watkins, LLP  
Circuit Judge Pauline Newman, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit  
Magistrate Judge Christopher Burke, United States District Court, District of Delaware  
Chief Admin. Law Judge Clark Cheney, ITC

11:00am – 12:00pm | Ritz-Carlton Ballroom

## General Session 7 - Ethics Before the PTAB

This panel will explore emerging ethical issues before the PTAB, including OpenSky/VLSI trials.

Moderator: Sarah Geers, Jones Day  
Kimberly Kelleher, OED, USPTO  
Scott McKeown, Ropes & Gray LLP

12:00pm – 12:10pm | Ritz-Carlton Ballroom

## Closing Remarks

Closing: President of the PTAB Bar Association, Teresa Rea, Crowell & Moring LLP

# 2023 PTAB Bar Annual Conference

## COVID 19 Information

Dear PTAB Bar Association Annual Conference Attendees, Speakers, and Sponsors:

Thank you to all who are attending the 2023 Annual Conference in-person. We are excited to be with you!

As always, the health & safety of our attendees is our top priority. We will continue to closely monitor local and federal guidelines regarding COVID-19 and are working closely with our hotel partner to ensure that our conference will be as safe as possible. 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 following protocols will be in place for this conference:

- 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
  - Green – I am comfortable with a handshake or a hug while masked

The health and safety measures at the Ritz-Carlton Washington DC can be found on the [Ritz-Carlton Covid & Safety page](#).

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

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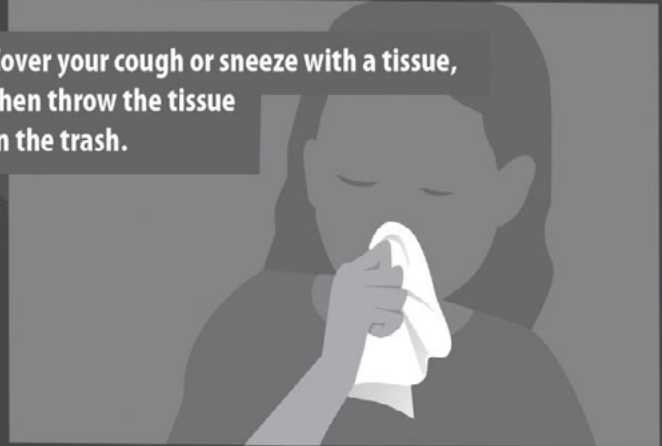
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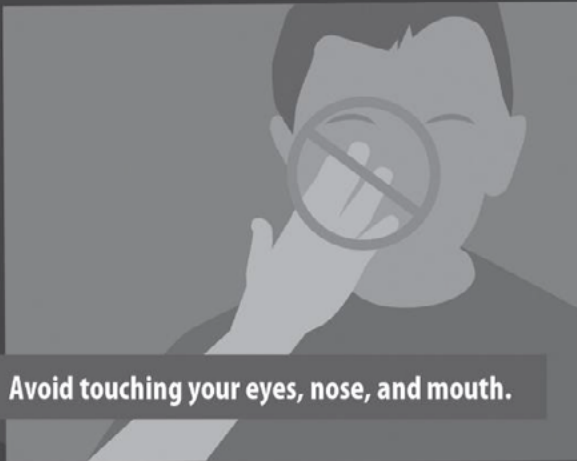
Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



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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# Speakers



**Safiya Aguilar**  
*Finnegan Henderson  
Farabow Garratt &  
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Safiya Aguilar is a former Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) law clerk and patent examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). She uses her extensive knowledge of patent office practice to help firm clients navigate post grant proceedings and various aspects of pre-trial preparation, including validity and infringement analyses.

Safiya's technical knowledge covers a broad spectrum of complex technologies, including medical devices, machine vision, feedback controls, automobiles, fuel cells, computer hardware, fintech, and additive manufacturing. She has experience preparing petitions for inter partes review (IPR) and requests for ex parte reexamination, as well as conducting legal and factual research in support of infringement and invalidity disputes. Safiya advises clients on all aspects of patent strategy, including validity opinions, landscape analysis, due diligence, and prosecution.

As a judicial law clerk, Safiya assisted administrative patent judges (APJs) with adjudicating America Invents Act (AIA) trials and ex parte appeals across chemical, electrical, mechanical, and pharmaceutical technologies. During her more than seven years as a patent examiner, Safiya evaluated the patentability of various medical devices, including spinal implants and prosthetics; image-guided and robotic surgical systems; internal and external fixation devices; and retractors.

Safiya devotes a portion of her time to pro bono matters. She has worked extensively with asylum-seeking

clients and advocated on behalf of inmates seeking compassionate release over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic. She has been recognized on the Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll and received high honors.



**Michelle Aspen**  
*Unified Patents LLC*

Michelle Aspen is Senior Patent Counsel for Unified Patents, where her practice focuses on challenging patents in post-grant proceedings before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, appeals, and advocating for robust patent policy. Her work covers a broad range of technology zones, including cloud technology, internet-of-things, video coding and streaming, transaction software, telecommunications, and additional computer and software-oriented technology. Michelle has also supervised outside counsel in these technology areas, both before the USPTO and the European Patent Office. Before joining Unified, Michelle was a patent litigator championing clients both in district court, both as defendant and plaintiff, and before the PTAB. Michelle is an outspoken advocate for the PTAB's LEAP and encourages outside counsel to engage where possible.



**Michael Babbitt**  
*Willke Farr &  
Gallagher LLP*

Michael G. Babbitt is a partner in the firm's Litigation and Intellectual Property Departments

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Utilizing his background in electrical and computer engineering, Michael advises clients in the areas of consumer electronics, industrial machines, food processing machinery, power distribution systems, data centers, wireless networks, semiconductors, video and audio technology, and automotive/vehicle systems, as well as many other technologies. He is a registered patent attorney before the US Patent Office and regularly argues before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board as lead counsel.

Michael has deep experience leading high-profile patent and technology disputes, including those involving competitors and strategically significant technologies. He has a proven record of success in scores of patent litigations and scores of Patent Office proceedings. He has also won eight major patent rulings in the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals. Michael also has experience with matters involving trade secret, non-disclosure agreement, contract, antitrust, privacy, and trademark issues, among others.

Michael is the pro bono coordinator for the Chicago office and is strongly committed to the firm's nationally recognized pro bono practice. He won a verdict of not guilty as lead trial attorney for a client falsely accused of attempted murder in Chicago. He also has argued a direct criminal appeal before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and has represented clients in multiple federal civil rights and prisoner rights matters.

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**Andrew Baluch**  
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Andrew S. Baluch is an intellectual property attorney and formerly

the Director of International IP Enforcement in the White House Office of the Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator (IPEC). In the White House, Mr. Baluch was responsible for inter-agency coordination and execution of the administration's Joint Strategic Plan on Intellectual Property Enforcement. Prior to his White House appointment, Mr. Baluch served as an expert legal advisor to the Director of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO) during the negotiation and enactment of the Leahy-Smith America Invents

Act (AIA). In this role, he worked with the USPTO's Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) on designing and implementing the AIA's new post-grant revocation procedures, and in drafting the USPTO's 2010-2015 Strategic Plan.

Mr. Baluch represents and counsels clients with complex intellectual property matters, particularly in USPTO post-grant proceedings (inter partes review, post-grant review, reissues, reexaminations), and in appeals before the Federal Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Baluch is the author of the treatise "Patent Reform," a comprehensive guide to patent reform developments in Congress, the Executive Branch, the courts and the states, published by West (a Thomson Reuters business). Mr. Baluch's

writings have been cited in committee reports of the U.S. Congress and in Federal Circuit and district court opinions.

Mr. Baluch is vice president and chair of the amicus committee of the Naples Roundtable, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization engaged in the advanced study of intellectual property law and policy, in fostering the exchange of ideas, viewpoints, and scholarly papers among leading jurists and practitioners in the intellectual property field. Mr. Baluch is on the board of directors of the PTAB Bar Association. He is also a member of the American Bar Association Section of Intellectual Property Law (patent legislation committee and international patent laws committee).

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**Harper Batts**  
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Harper Batts is a partner in the Intellectual Property Practice Group located in the firm's Silicon Valley office. He is also the leader of Sheppard Mullin's Post Grant Proceedings (PTAB) Group.

Harper has almost two decades of experience as an intellectual property litigator and client counselor. Harper has obtained institution on more than 95% of the IPRs he has filed – a number unmatched across the country. Numerous Fortune 500 clients have relied upon his experience to represent them in highly contentious patent disputes in venues across the country. He has been selected multiple times as a Top IP Attorney in California by the Daily Journal, and IAM Patent 1000 noted that Harper “performs adroitly in post-grant proceedings on both the patent owner and petitioner sides.” In 2021, he obtained institution of numerous petitions for inter partes review, obtained numerous final written decisions finding all claim unpatentable, and obtained an exceptional case finding and an award of attorney's fees in the Central District of California in 2020.

He focuses on immediately determining the most relevant and effective pressure points against an adversary to quickly resolve a dispute with minimal disruption and cost to a client.

Harper is one of the leading attorneys for handling complex PTAB challenges across a variety of technologies, having obtained institution on almost every IPR he has filed. Harper has represented patent challengers and patent

owners in more than 80 CBM and IPR proceedings. He has extensive experience in cases before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

Clients continue to rely on Harper's experience litigating in other venues, including the United States Court of Appeal for the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, the International Trade Commission and district courts known for their patent litigation cases, including the Northern District of California and the Eastern District of Texas.

In addition to his extensive IP litigation experience, Harper has frequently been called upon to conduct negotiations between direct competitors, as well as conducting due diligence regarding the potential acquisition of large patent portfolios.

A sought-after speaker, Harper has presented and written publications concerning his experience and insights concerning post-grant proceedings.

Harper is experienced in numerous technology areas, including semiconductors, computer software, e-commerce, wireless technology, telecommunications, medical devices and hardware technology.



**Gabriel Bell**  
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Gabriel Bell is a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Latham & Watkins and Chair of the firm's Intellectual Property Appellate Practice.

Mr. Bell advises clients on intellectual property litigation in the Federal Circuit and federal district courts. He has argued over 20 Federal Circuit appeals and has led the

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Prior to joining Latham, Mr. Bell was counsel for the US Senate Committee on the Judiciary. He has also held positions at the US Department of Justice and NASA Langley Research Center. In addition, he clerked for judges on the D.C. Circuit and the Fifth Circuit. He received his JD from Harvard Law School and his BA in Computer Science from Yale University.



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

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

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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  
Judge Jacqueline  
Wright Bonilla**  
*United States Patent  
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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.



**Lead Administrative  
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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.



**Courtenay  
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Courtenay Brinkerhoff is a partner and intellectual property lawyer with Foley & Lardner LLP, and a vice chair of the firm's Intellectual Property Department. Courtenay's practice focuses on assisting clients with all aspects of obtaining, defending, evaluating, licensing, and enforcing patents and conducting freedom-to-operate and due diligence investigations. Courtenay is the

editor and primary author for Foley's PharmaPatentsBlog.com, which keeps her up to date on emerging legal issues and evolving patent office practices, which she leverages to meet her clients' strategic objectives.

Over the past 25+ years, Courtenay has represented clients in diverse industries before the U.S. Patent Office, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and has been involved in complex patent matters, including a four party interference, Inter partes Reexaminations, Inter partes Reviews and ANDA litigation.

Courtenay works with clients across chemical and biotechnology industries including pharmaceutical, food, industrial, and energy sectors, pharmaceuticals (chemical and biotechnological), human and animal food products, nutraceuticals, medical devices, and industrial technologies. She has particular experience with transdermal pharmaceutical products (patches, gels and liquids), oral dosage forms (including controlled/extended release formulations), enzyme-based technologies, microbial technologies, diagnostic and therapeutic antibodies, active and passive immunization therapies, and personalized medicine, as well as with industrial films, carbon nanotube technologies, biofuels, and carbon capture technologies.

She has served as vice chair of the firm's Chemical, Biotechnology & Pharmaceutical Practice and chair of the firm's IP Associate Training & IP Policies and Procedures Committee, and is an active member of the firm's PTAB Trials Practice and Life Sciences Industry Team.

Courtenay joined Foley as an associate after clerking for the Hon. Judge Schall on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Prior to her clerkship, she worked at Foley as a patent agent and law clerk.



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**Christopher J. Burke**  
*United States  
Magistrate Judge*

Judge Christopher J. Burke has served as a United States Magistrate Judge on the United States District Court for the District of Delaware since August 4, 2011. Judge Burke's civil caseload predominantly consists of patent litigation matters, and he often oversees such cases from their initial stages up through and including expert discovery, summary judgement and/or trial.

Prior to joining the bench, from 2005 to 2011, Judge Burke was an Assistant United States Attorney at the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware. From 2001 to 2005, he was an associate at the Washington, D.C. office of the law firm of Covington & Burling LLP. Prior to that, he served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Kenneth F. Ripple of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Judge Burke is a 2000 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. He received his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University in 1997.

Judge Burke currently serves as the Chairman of the Federal Trial Practice Seminar, a trial skills development program jointly sponsored by the United States District Court for the District of Delaware and the Federal Bar Association's Delaware Chapter. He also presides over the District Court's criminal Re-entry Court, which focuses on providing oversight, support and assistance to individuals serving terms of federal supervised release. He assists in overseeing the administration of the District Court's Federal Civil Panel, which provides representation to indigent parties with civil cases pending before the Court.

And he created and oversees the District Court's High School Summer Fellowship Program, which provides mentoring to high school-aged youth in New Castle County and exposes those students to the work of the federal court system.



**David Cavanaugh**  
*WilmerHale LLP*

David Cavanaugh has broad legal experience in industry and private practice and provides clients with strategic, business-focused counseling in the procurement, management and exploitation of their intellectual property. He has extensive experience in all aspects of intellectual property practice, including IP litigation, patent procurement, technology transfer and licensing, and due diligence for corporate transactions. Mr. Cavanaugh has developed and implemented intellectual property strategies suited for companies at all stages, from early startup phase to established business phase.

Since the implementation of the America Invents Act, Mr. Cavanaugh has been active in post-grant proceedings at the US Patent Office and was recently named by Patexia as one of the most active attorneys in inter partes review (IPR). He has filed petitions and represented patent owners in a variety of technologies and has been lead counsel or counsel of record on roughly 400 IPR proceedings. As lead counsel he has presented at dozens of oral hearings at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). He has also developed strategies for using IPRs as a vehicle toward settlement of related district court cases as well as developed

strategies for joinder of parties. Mr. Cavanaugh has also represented patent owners in IPR proceedings and developed successful IPR strategies for patent owners.

Along with IPRs, Mr. Cavanaugh routinely develops strategies for other post-grant proceedings such as ex parte reexaminations and reissues. He has extensive experience in inter partes reexamination and interferences. These procedures can be used to develop comprehensive strategies using all the procedures the US Patent Office provides.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Cavanaugh was a senior patent counsel in the legal department of Boston Scientific Corporation, responsible for the intellectual property matters in the radiology, neurology, urology and endoscopy divisions. Prior to his work with Boston Scientific, Mr. Cavanaugh was associated with Wolf, Greenfield and Sacks in Boston, where he provided patent support to a variety of medical device clients. Mr. Cavanaugh also has been a patent examiner at the Patent Office, where he examined patent applications in a variety of technologies.

Mr. Cavanaugh is a sought-after speaker on post-grant proceedings, specifically IPRs. He developed the post-grant class and curriculum for the American University Washington College of Law, where he has taught classes on patent litigation and post-grant proceedings since 2014. He has also frequently lectured on patent law-related topics at the New England College of Law.

Mr. Cavanaugh served on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Medical Device Industry Council for six years, and he was also a board member of the New England Business and Technology Association. He has been selected by the Massachusetts

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Life Sciences Center to serve as a peer reviewer for its Small Business Matching Grant Program, which promotes the life sciences within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



**Jennifer Meyer  
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Jennifer Meyer Chagnon is counsel in Sterne Kessler's Electronics Practice Group. A former Lead Administrative Patent Judge (APJ) at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), Jennifer presided over

more than 450 inter partes review and post grant review proceedings under the America Invents Act. She also adjudicated ex parte appeals, reviewing adverse decisions of examiners of applications for patents. She presided over cases in a variety of technology areas including the electrical, computer, chemical, mechanical and biological arts. Additionally, as a Lead APJ, she worked with the PTAB executive team on numerous policy, personnel, and strategy issues. During her nearly ten years as a PTAB APJ, she was front and center during the PTAB's formative years and through its ensuing evolution under multiple PTO directors.

Prior to joining the USPTO, Jennifer worked in private practice at another

law firm, where her practice focused on the preparation and prosecution of patent applications in the areas of semiconductor devices and materials, photovoltaics, medical devices, pharmaceuticals, optical recording systems, digital image processing and mechanical devices.

Her practice focuses on assisting clients with PTAB challenges and developing litigation strategies with an eye toward how PTAB challenges may impact those strategies. Additionally, she combines her patent preparation and prosecution experiences with her PTAB APJ experiences to counsel clients on building strong patent portfolios.

Jennifer received her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law and her B.S. in chemical engineering,

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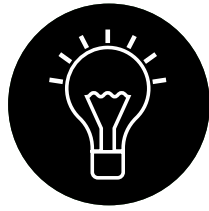
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magna cum laude, from the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. She also has an M.S. in biotechnology from Johns Hopkins University.



**Zachary Coots**  
*King & Spalding LLP*

Clark S. Cheney was appointed as Chief Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) at the U.S. International Trade Commission in February 2022, after serving as an ALJ at the Commission since March 2018. Prior to his USITC appointment, Judge Cheney served as an ALJ with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Social Security Administration. He worked in the USITC's Office of the General Counsel for several years prior to becoming an ALJ. In that role, he regularly argued appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit on behalf of the Commission. He also served as an attorney advisor in the USITC's Office of Administrative Law Judges and was detailed to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. He began his career as a patent examiner and served as a law clerk to Judge William Bryson at the Federal Circuit. During several years of private practice, he represented domestic and international clients in intellectual property litigation. He holds a juris doctor degree, cum laude, from the Georgetown University Law Center and a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Utah. Cheney is a member of the International Association of LGBTQ+ Judges and resides in Washington, DC, with his husband.



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Zachary Coots is an associate of the firm's Trial & Global Disputes practice.

Zach specializes in intellectual property litigation with an emphasis on patents and has experience litigating cases before the U.S. District Courts, the U.S. International Trade Commission, and the Patent Trial & Appeal Board.

With a mechanical engineering degree, Zach is a technology-heavy litigator. Zach narrows in on the technical issues of the case, pulling from his experience as a judicial law clerk at the Patent Trial & Appeal Board and as an examiner in Technology Center 3685 (Blockchain and Cryptography) to craft winning arguments and develop a strong record.

Zach has litigated cases and advised clients on a range of technologies including: computer and internet security, enterprise content management, signal processing, radio frequency modulation, telecommunications, internet of things, automotive and transportation technologies, carbon nanotubes, windmill technology, blockchain networks and payment systems, and cryptographic technologies for secured transactions.

Outside of his technology litigation practice, Zach also regularly represents survivors of domestic violence in the D.C. Superior Court through the D.C. Volunteer Lawyers Project.



**Lolita Darden**  
*George Washington University, Law School*

Professor Darden is a Visiting Associate

Clinical Professor and Director of the new Intellectual Property and Technology Clinic. Professor Lolita Darden is a registered patent attorney whose scholarship focuses on the protection and preservation of intellectual property rights for creators and inventors, particularly those who are under resourced. More specifically, she focuses on the constitutional impact of the recent changes in US intellectual property laws and exploring concepts regarding access and equity in the protection and maintenance of IP rights.

Prior to joining the GW community, Professor Darden was an Associate Clinical Professor at Suffolk University Law School. She was also a lecturer of law, teaching intellectual property courses such as intellectual property survey, trademark law and practice, trademark law, and patent law. Professor Darden was also the Director of Suffolk Law School's Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic, a multi-disciplinary clinic providing pro bono counseling and legal services for new and emerging businesses.

Prior to joining Suffolk, she was a partner at Sachnoff & Weaver, Ltd. and manager of the firm's patent prosecution group. Professor Darden counseled emerging technology businesses on all aspects of IP protection, including rights in patents, trademarks, and copyrights. She served as Chief IP Counsel for Duracraft Corporation, where Professor Darden worked closely with marketing and product development

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teams and managed all IP litigation and IP protection programs. During her career, Professor Darden has had the opportunity to participate in several precedent setting patent and trademark cases, including Atlantic Thermoplastics v. Faytex Corp. (precedential ruling regarding product-by-process claim interpretation), Micron Separations, Inc. v. Pall Corporation -- the companion case to Markman v. Westview Instruments (precedential case setting claim construction as a question of law), and Curtin v. United Trademark Holdings (trademark opposition finding consumer standing to oppose registration).



**Vice Chief Judge  
Kaylan Deshpande**  
*United States Patent  
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Judge Deshpande received a J.D.

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**Administrative  
Patent Judge  
Brent Dougal**  
*United States Patent  
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Administrative Patent Judge Brent M. Dougal was appointed to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) on May 16, 2016. Prior to entering private practice, Judge Dougal served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Tommy E. Miller, of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Judge Dougal served as an associate, and then partner, with the law firm Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP, prior to his appointment to the PTAB. Judge Dougal earned a law degree from William & Mary Marshall-Wythe School of Law and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Brigham Young University.



**Erin Dunston**  
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Erin M. Dunston focuses her practice on patent procurement, opinions, enforcement (both in district courts and before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board), and portfolio strategy. With clients ranging from individual inventors to large, multi-national companies, Erin tailors her approach to each client's goals. Erin's matters are primarily in the life science space (small molecules, large molecules, and medical devices), but she has handled projects on subject matter ranging from precipitated silica to vaccines to radiotherapy devices.

Over the course of her over twenty-year career, Erin M. Dunston's practice has been a purposeful mix of patent prosecution and litigation. Having handled many patent litigations, Erin recognizes how every word in prosecution may ultimately be analyzed by the fact-finder and thus strives for efficient, law- and science-driven prosecution. Her extensive prosecution experience, in turn, is invaluable when analyzing prosecution documents and issues as part of a litigation. With a background in biochemistry, she concentrates her practice primarily in the fields of biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and associated computer technology.

In terms of patent prosecution, counseling, and strategy, Erin learns her clients' businesses and how a given project will advance the client's business objectives, from both offensive and defensive standpoints. Erin also works closely with clients to satisfy budget constraints and assist in leveraging and monetizing patent assets.

To date, Erin has handled more than 20 district court litigations and more than 25 inter partes reviews (IPRs) and more than 40 interferences before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (P.T.A.B). Assisting both patent owners and putative infringers/petitioners, this experience ranges from pre-filing analyses all the way through appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Her deep experience in patent law has been recognized by several leading IP organizations and awards programs. Erin has been selected for inclusion among The Best Lawyers in America each year since 2018. She also has been recognized in IAM's Patent 1000 list -- a best-in-class listing of patent prosecution, licensing, and

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litigation practitioners. For several years, including for 2021, she has been named an IP Star by Managing Intellectual Property and a Leading Intellectual Property Lawyer by Chambers USA. Erin also received Lawyer Monthly's Women in Law 2016 Award for her contributions to the practice of biotechnology law.

Erin is the Co-Chair of the firm's Post-Grant Group.



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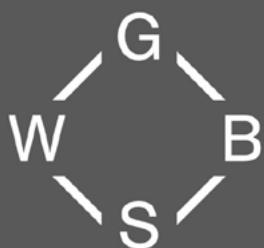
Reza's practice concentrates on

intellectual property litigation, with a focus on patent litigation involving a wide range of technologies including mechanical, chemical, and pharmaceuticals. Reza also has experience in the preparation and prosecution of U.S. and foreign patent applications as well as intellectual property due diligence. Reza earned his Bachelor's and Master's of Chemical Engineering at the University of Michigan. While pursuing his engineering degrees, Reza worked on projects directed at breast cancer therapy, live cell delivery, and the development of small molecule inhibitors of a human protein implicated in thrombosis. Additionally, Reza helped fabricate and functionalize microfluidic devices

for isolating circulating tumor cells. Reza also has experience working on petroleum projects. In particular, his projects were directed toward the investigation of the aggregation kinetics of crude oil components. Reza holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan. For two years, Reza taught a senior-level Chemical Engineering course at the University of Michigan as a graduate student instructor. During his time at the University of Michigan, Reza was an active member of student organizations such as the Honor Society of Chemical Engineers and the Intellectual Property Student Association.

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Ashraf is the Director for SEP and policy work at Unified Patents

and also manages legal strategy, litigation, and licensing, including PTAB proceedings and appeals. Prior to joining Unified, Ashraf practiced at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP for nine years. There, he counseled clients and managed litigation in district court, the U.S. International Trade Commission, and before the PTAB. In total, he has litigated more than 100 PTAB proceedings and has developed an expertise in telecommunications, software, mobile devices, consumer devices, and other electrical arts. Ashraf earned his J.D. from Temple University Beasley School of Law and his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Maryland.



**Mitchel Feldhake**  
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Mitch is a fourth year associate in Willkie, Farr &

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in all facets of district court litigation, including pre-litigation investigation, discovery, jury trials, and post-trial briefing. Mitch also has experience on Federal Circuit appeals, and he frequently represents clients before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board in inter partes review proceedings.



**Lead Administrative Patent Judge Ryan Flax**  
*United States Patent and Trademark Office*

Lead Administrative Patent Judge Ryan Flax was appointed to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) on February 22, 2016. Judge Flax served as a research scientist at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company prior to entering private practice, where he served as counsel at the law firm Dickstein & Shapiro, LLP. Prior to joining the PTAB, Judge Flax served as managing director for litigation consulting and general counsel at A2L Consulting. He also was an adjunct professor at American University Washington College of Law. Judge Flax earned a law degree from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Wake Forest University.



**Sarah A. Geers**  
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Sarah Geers represents pharmaceutical clients in intellectual property litigation in a variety

of venues, including in district court, arbitration, and at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). Her practice spans Hatch-Waxman and other patent infringement actions, inter partes and post-grant review proceedings, trade secret, and misappropriation actions. Her litigation experience spans discovery, trial, and appeal.

Sarah was involved in the successful resolutions of Hatch-Waxman litigation involving the transdermal patch Butrans<sup>®</sup>, the pain medication OxyContin<sup>®</sup>, and the cancer treatment Revlimid<sup>®</sup>. More recently, she was part of a team that helped Juno Therapeutics and Sloan Kettering win a more than \$1.1 billion final award in a case in which the jury found that defendant Kite Pharma willfully infringed the asserted patent for cancer immunotherapy. She currently represents Merck in patent infringement actions against 8 generic defendants groups related to Bridion<sup>®</sup>, a first-in-class agent for the reversal of certain types of neuromuscular blockade in adults undergoing surgery. She also maintains an active PTAB practice for clients such as AbbVie and Purdue Pharma.

Sarah is currently an adjunct professor at Seton Hall University School of Law, where she teaches a course on patent litigation.

Sarah was named a Law360 Life Sciences Rising Star in 2020, which is awarded to lawyers under 40 whose legal accomplishments belie their age.

Before becoming a lawyer, Sarah worked as a research chemist at Merck & Co., where she was responsible for solid dosage form development and associated preformulation research.

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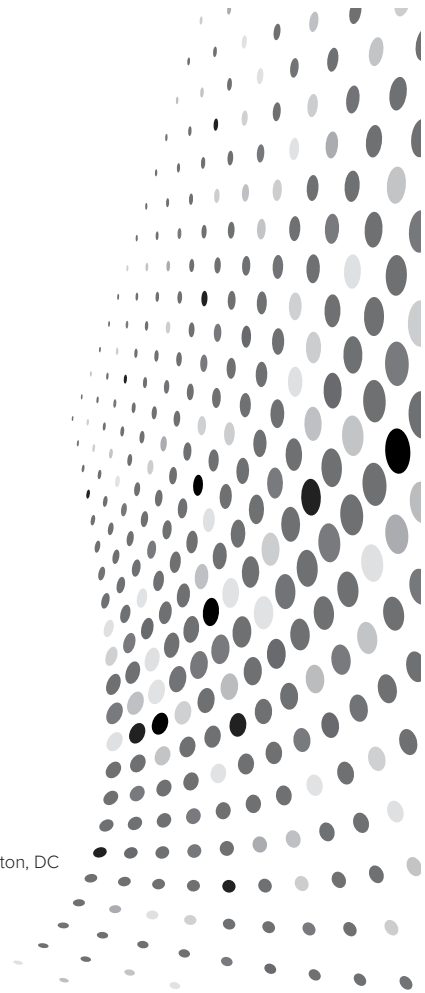
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**Administrative  
Patent Judge  
Thomas Giannetti**  
*United States  
Patent and  
Trademark Office*

Thomas L. Giannetti is an Administrative Patent Judge on the Patent Trial and Appeal Board at the United States Patent and Trademark Office. He joined the Board in March 2012 after practicing IP law in New York City for over 34 years. He was an associate and then partner at Fish & Neave for 25 years, and thereafter a partner at Jones Day New York for nine years. While in private practice he specialized in patent infringement trials and related matters involving computers, electronics, and other complex technologies.

He graduated from Yale University with a B.S. in Engineering and Applied Science, and also holds an M.S. in Electrical Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University and a J.D. from the George Washington University Law School. Prior to law school he was an engineer at Westinghouse Electric Corporation.



**Josh Goldberg**  
*Finnegan, Henderson,  
Farabow, Garrett &  
Dunner LLP*

Joshua Goldberg, leader of Finnegan's PTAB trials section, focuses on inter partes review (IPR), covered business method (CBM), and post-grant review (PGR) proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), and on ensuing appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

As lead or backup counsel in more than 300 IPRs, CBMs, and PGRs, Josh represents petitioners and patent owners in proceedings involving patents directed to, for example, display, graphical user interface, consumer electronics, software, cloud computing, image processing, mobile applications, semiconductor, electronic banking, Internet, telecommunications, storage, integrated circuit, mechanical, industrial manufacturing, automotive, chemical, and medical device technologies. He is a director of the PTAB Bar Association and also coauthors *The Practitioner's Guide to Trials Before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board*, ABA, Section of IP Law.

In his PTAB practice, Josh routinely leads teams of attorneys in simultaneous challenges to or defenses of multiple patents involved in high-stakes litigation. He splits his time approximately 60/40 between representing petitioners and patent owners. Thus, when working for petitioners, he is able to anticipate and preemptively address the moves of patent owners. And, when working for patent owners, he is able to anticipate and preemptively address the moves of petitioners.

Nearly 50 of the IPRs Josh has worked on are associated with International Trade Commission (ITC) cases, and dozens are associated with standards ranging from IEEE and ETSI networking and communications standards to MPEG compression standards to GPS standards and others. Josh was listed as one of the top eight attorneys representing patent owners and petitioners at the PTAB in 2016, according to *Managing Intellectual Property*; and one of the top five attorneys at the PTAB in 2015 and 2017, according to *Docket Navigator Year in Review*.

Josh complements his PTAB practice with litigation and counseling practices. In his litigation practice, he represents clients in U.S. district courts. In his counseling practice, he helps clients navigate competitors' intellectual property, providing strategic advice through opinions of counsel on patent infringement, patent validity, and other intellectual property issues. He works with clients to secure their intellectual property with global patent portfolios and counsels them on various matters.

Josh managed the prosecution of more than 100 patent applications for a manufacturer of drug delivery (e.g., capsule) products. He also managed a special claim drafting project in which Finnegan attorneys worked closely with representatives of a Fortune 100 consumer electronics company to define best practices for drafting and prosecuting patent applications.

Josh has experience with a variety of mechanical and electrical technologies, including vehicular, industrial manufacturing, mining, computer, Internet, semiconductor, network security, network topology, display, communications, imaging, consumer electronics, and robotics technologies. He has written both application and operating system software, and is familiar with several programming languages, including C, C++, FORTRAN, Intel Assembly, Java, Perl, SQL, and VBA. He has also lectured on electroactive polymers, superchargers, and turbochargers. As part of a senior capstone project at Drake University, Josh developed computer models to explore performance gains achievable by various methods of coupling a combustion engine with off-the-shelf hybrid vehicle technology.

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**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.



**Eugene Goryunov**  
*Haynes and Boone  
LLP*

Eugene is the IPR Team Lead and Hiring Partner of the Chicago office of Haynes and Boone. He is an experienced trial lawyer that represents clients in complex patent matters involving technologies from consumer goods to high technology, networking, and wireless telephony to medical devices

and therapeutics. He has extensive experience and regularly serves as first-chair trial counsel in post-grant review trials (IPR and PGR) on behalf of both Petitioners and Patent Owners at the USPTO. Eugene is also deeply involved as trial counsel in all aspects of cases in Federal courts around the country, Section 337 investigations at the USITC, and in appeals at the Federal Circuit.

Eugene has authored a treatise titled the Trial Lawyer's Guide to Post Grant Patent Proceedings (published by LexisNexis), chapters in books discussing U.S. patent law and litigation (published by Chambers and Global Legal Group), and is a regular contributor to various IP publications. Eugene also serves on the Editorial Board of The Patent Lawyer, as the Editor-in-Chief of the PTAB Bar Association's Round-up of Round-ups, and lead editor of Westlaw's "Tips and Tricks at the PTAB."

Prior to joining Haynes and Boone, Eugene was a partner in the Chicago office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP where he was instrumental to the firm's post-grant review practice. He filed some of the first-ever IPR petitions, served as the firm's post-grant review trial practice knowledge manager, and co-founded the PTAB Bar Association. Before law school, Eugene worked as a software engineer for more than five years at Cardinal Health.



**Paul Gugliuzza**  
*Temple University,  
Beasley School of Law*

Professor Paul Gugliuzza is an award-winning scholar and teacher in the fields of civil procedure, federal courts, and intellectual property law, focusing

in particular on patent litigation. He has published articles in numerous leading law reviews, including the Duke Law Journal, Georgetown Law Journal, Minnesota Law Review, Texas Law Review, Vanderbilt Law Review, Virginia Law Review, and Washington University Law Review.

Professor Gugliuzza has testified before both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives, and his scholarship has been cited in over a dozen judicial opinions. His article, "The Federal Circuit as a Federal Court," received the annual best article award from the Federal Courts Section of the Association of American Law Schools. Before coming to Temple, Professor Gugliuzza was Professor of Law at Boston University School of Law, where he received the Dean's Award in recognition of his teaching.



**Li Guo, PhD**  
*Bunsow DeMory LLP*

Li's practice focuses on protecting and defending companies'

intellectual property rights. She has litigated cases from inception through trial in federal district courts, in Section 337 investigations before the US International Trade Commission, and before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. Li represents clients in all areas of intellectual property law, including patent, trademark, trade secret, and copyright.

Li began her legal career prosecuting patents and is registered to practice before the US Patent and Trademark Office. With a technical background in chemistry and extensive research experience in semiconductor materials, she

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has developed a deep awareness and understanding of the interplay between technology and law. She has represented technology companies in matters involving electronics, medical devices, semiconductors, software, pharmaceuticals and chemicals, consumer products, telecommunications, and manufacturing processes.

Prior to joining private practice, she interned for the Honorable Susan G. Braden at the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, she worked for several years as a policy and intellectual property specialist at the National Cancer Institute, and she also worked as an engineer in the semiconductor manufacturing industry.



**Acting Deputy Chief Judge Melissa Haapala**  
*United States Patent and Trademark Office*

The Honorable Melissa A. Haapala is currently serving as Acting Deputy Chief Judge. She 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.



**Lead Administrative Patent Judge Amber Hagy**  
*United States Patent and Trademark Office*

Lead Administrative Patent Judge Amber L. Hagy was appointed to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) on May 18, 2015. Judge Hagy served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Will Garwood of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Prior to her appointment to the PTAB, Judge Hagy practiced with several law firms, including Arnold, White & Durkee, Weil, Gotshal & Manges, and Greenberg Traurig. Judge Hagy graduated from the University of Texas School of Law with high honors and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering, with honors, from the University of Texas.



**Deborah Herzfeld**  
*McNeill Baur PLLC*

Deb Herzfeld's practice focuses on client counseling and worldwide patent prosecution and portfolio management, with an emphasis on pharmaceutical life cycles and medical devices. She also has extensive experience with cosmetic, biofuel, polymer, catalyst, and petroleum-based technologies.

Deb has worked in all phases of intellectual property law, beginning her career pursuing both litigation and prosecution work, which allowed her to realize and develop her passion and expertise for both short and long-term portfolio management. Her extensive client counseling experience includes pre-litigation portfolio and due diligence analyses, as well as freedom-to-operate, patentability, validity, and infringement opinion work. These overall "portfolio health" analyses frequently include the development of specific prosecution strategies to correct errors and work around potential obstacles. Deb's pharmaceutical work also includes Orange Book listings of patents covering FDA-approved products and patent term extension analysis and applications.

Prior to joining McNeill Baur PLLC, Deb practiced as an attorney for over 15 years at Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP. Prior to Finnegan, Deb was a law clerk for the Honorable Christine O.C. Miller of the US Court of Federal Claims. While in law school, Deb gained patent prosecution and licensing experience as a student associate at the University of Virginia Patent Foundation, and received the Charles J. Frankel Award in Health Law upon graduation. Deb was promoted to partner at McNeill Baur in 2022.

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**David Higer**  
*Wick Phillips*

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 clients can make critical business decisions.

Dave's practice spans a diverse set of industries including automotive, banking, gaming, medical, office equipment, power generation, telecommunications, transportation, and semiconductor. He has experience counseling on and/or litigating numerous technologies including base stations (hardware and software), cell phones (hardware and software), databases, digital imaging (hardware and software), embedded systems, encryption, gaming, medical imaging devices, medical implants, optics, semiconductor manufacturing, and standard-essential patents (e.g., ETSI, IEEE).



**Acting Vice Chief  
Judge Linda Horner**  
*United States Patent  
and Trademark Office*

Administrative Patent Judge Linda Horner currently serves as the Acting Vice Chief Judge of the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). She also is leading a team at the USPTO to advance President Biden's Executive Order on "Promoting Competition in American Economy." In this role, she oversees collaboration initiatives between the USPTO and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Judge Horner recently completed an assignment as a Senior Legal Advisor to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO. As Senior Legal Advisor, she counseled the USPTO Director on a wide-range of patent-related legal and policy issues.

Judge Horner joined the USPTO as an Administrative Patent Judge in 2006. Prior to joining the USPTO, Judge Horner was a partner at an intellectual property law firm in Washington D.C., where she prosecuted patent applications, represented clients in interference proceedings before the USPTO, litigated patent cases in district courts and on appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and represented clients in arbitration proceedings before the International Chamber of Commerce. Judge Horner is a graduate of Boston University School of Law and Cornell University.



**Jessica Kaiser**  
*Arnold & Porter Kaye  
Scholer LLP*

Jessica Kaiser resolves complex intellectual property disputes for established and emerging companies in the technology, telecommunications and life sciences sectors. With nearly two decades of experience divided between the bench and the bar—including as a former Lead Administrative Patent Judge (LAPJ) at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and a partner at an international law firm—Ms. Kaiser combines patent trial and appellate experience, judicial acumen and technical knowledge of Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) practice to benefit clients involved with patent litigation, America Invents Act (AIA) trials and ex parte appeals in the nation's most significant patent jurisdictions.

As an LAPJ at the USPTO, Ms. Kaiser managed and decided numerous cases before the PTAB in AIA trials (both inter partes reviews and post-grant reviews) and ex parte appeals during the original prosecution of patents. She also worked closely with USPTO and PTAB leadership in developing and implementing PTAB reforms, including agency rulemaking, a pilot program for motions to amend patent claims during AIA trials, PTAB statistics, and remote hearing operations. Prior to joining the USPTO, Ms. Kaiser was a staff attorney in the Office of General Counsel at the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, where she provided legal advice to the court, including on mandamus petitions and all types of motions filed prior to an appeal being assigned to a merits panel.

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**Acting Lead Administrative Patent Judge Phillip Kauffman**  
*United States Patent and Trademark Office*

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.



**Kimberly Kelleher**  
*Attorney Advisor, United States Patent and Trademark Office*

Kimberly C. Kelleher joined the United States Patent and Trademark Office in October 2012 as an Attorney Advisor in the Office of Enrollment and Discipline. As an Attorney Advisor, Ms. Kelleher investigates grievances alleging

misconduct by practitioners, evaluates applications and conducts moral character investigations of applicants requesting registration before the USPTO, and assists with outreach to USPTO stakeholders. Prior to joining the USPTO, Ms. Kelleher engaged in the private practice of intellectual property law with a general practice law firm in Washington DC, worked as a high school biology and research teacher in New York and was a research scientist in a neurobiology lab. Her private practice focused primarily on counseling clients on intellectual property matters, patent procurement and patent portfolio management, drafting patentability, freedom to operate, validity and non-infringement opinions, and licensing of IP rights. She received a Bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of Virginia, a Master's degree in Physiology and Biophysics from Georgetown University and a Juris Doctor degree from Fordham University. She is admitted to the New York and Washington DC bars.



**Christopher Keller**  
*Law Clerk, USPTO*

Mr. Christopher Keller earned a law degree from New York University School of Law and a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. Chris joined the Board after working at Kirkland & Ellis, LLP in their IP Litigation department. During law school Chris served on the executive committee of the Moot Court Board and worked two summers as a summer associate at Kirkland & Ellis.



**Kristina Caggiano Kelly**  
*Sterne Kessler Goldstein & Fox PLLC*

Kristina Caggiano Kelly is a director in Sterne Kessler's Trial & Appellate Practice Group, representing clients in all stages of litigation before the PTAB, International Trade Commission, district courts, Federal Circuit, and Supreme Court. She has experience in both inter partes disputes and patent prosecution in a wide variety of technological areas, including Hatch-Waxman filings, interference practice, and opinion work.

Before joining Sterne Kessler, Kristina practiced intellectual property law, as well as government contracts, administrative law, and other complex commercial litigation. She also has experience representing veterans in pro bono matters before the Court of Appeals for Veterans' Claims.

Kristina also served in an 18-month clerkship for the Honorable Sharon Prost, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Kristina has industry experience in drug design and development, interning for Biogen, Inc., in Cambridge, MA, and worked as an assistant researcher in the Molecular Genetics, Microbiology, and Immunology Department at Robert Wood University Hospital.

Kristina received her J.D., Wharton Certificate in Business and Public Policy, from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, her B.A. in molecular biology and biochemistry from Rutgers University, Henry Rutgers honors, and her B.A. in philosophy from Rutgers University, with the highest departmental honors.

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**Acting Deputy  
Chief Judge  
Michael K. Kim**  
*United States Patent  
and Trademark Office*

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.



**Nicholas Kim**  
*Microsoft*

Nicholas Kim is a Senior Corporate Counsel at Microsoft Corporation and focuses on IP litigation. Mr. Kim joined Microsoft from the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Division, where he was a trial attorney in the Intellectual Property Section. Before that, Mr. Kim was a patent attorney in private practice in Washington, DC.



**Lead Administrative  
Patent Judge  
David Kohut**  
*United States Patent  
and Trademark Office*

Lead Administrative Patent Judge David M. Kohut was appointed to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) on April 24, 2011. Lead Judge Kohut worked as a sales engineer with Eaton/Cutler-Hammer negotiating contracts with companies such as Eli Lilly, Daimler Chrysler, and Purdue University. While in law school, Lead Judge Kohut served as a business advisor for the Small Business Development Center and worked for Yanny & Smith in Los Angeles. After law school, he worked for Covington & Burling, LLP, before joining the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as a patent examiner. Lead Judge Kohut then joined the PTAB as a patent attorney, after which he became a Judge. Lead Judge Kohut is a graduate of the University of Dayton School of Law and holds a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Dayton. He is a member of the California State Bar.



**Gene Lee**  
*Perkins Coie LLP*

Gene Lee is an experienced lead counsel in patent litigations who is known for his thoughtful work and dedication to clients. In addition to patent litigation in the federal courts and the U.S. International Trade Commission, he regularly works on Patent Trial and Appeal Board trials, and also trade secret, copyright, trademark, unfair competition, and licensing disputes. Beyond adversarial matters, he also advises clients on licensing, patent portfolio analysis, and the IP aspects of corporate transactions.

Gene's work has covered a wide range of technologies, including computer systems and software, telecommunications and wireless communications, medical devices, video games, audio processing, pharmaceuticals, financial services, chemistry, semiconductors and geoscience.

He has represented major U.S. and Asian companies in high-stakes disputes. Gene represented through trial the world's largest alcoholic beverages company in the first investigation in the USITC pilot program for potential early disposition of cases. He also represented Taiwan's first innovator drug company in a licensing dispute and supported related litigation in Taiwan regarding ownership of patent rights.

Recognized by Chambers Global, IAM Patent 1000 and Managing IP for excellence, Gene regularly speaks, publishes and offers commentary on recent trends and important issues in patent law and IP litigation.

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**Scott McKeown**  
*Ropes & Gray LLP*

Scott McKeown is a partner in Ropes & Gray's intellectual property litigation practice and chair of the firm's Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) group. He focuses his practice on post-grant patent counseling and litigation matters at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and related appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Scott handles all aspects of post-issuance patent proceedings, specializing in administrative trials before the PTAB, such as inter partes review (IPR) and post-grant review (PGR). He also provides advice on USPTO post-grant proceedings concurrent with complex International Trade Commission (ITC) and district court litigations.

Named one of the world's leading patent practitioners for post-grant proceedings by Intellectual Asset Management, Scott is one of the most active PTAB trial attorneys in the U.S., having handled more than 300 PTAB matters since 2012, including those in which more than \$500 million was at stake. He currently serves as lead post-grant counsel to some of the world's best-known innovators and has handled some of the most noteworthy PTAB trials to date, including the only precedential decision on live testimony. Moreover, he was recently named by Managing IP as its "Outstanding PTAB Litigator" for 2020.

As a Professorial Lecturer in Law at The George Washington University Law School and a member of the teaching faculty of the Practising Law Institute, Scott lectures and writes extensively on PTAB proceedings. He is a founding Board member of the PTAB Bar Association and a

contributing editor to the Sedona Conference Working Group 10: Patent Litigation Best Practices. Scott also maintains an award-winning blog, PatentsPostGrant.com, which examines developments in patent litigation, including issues related to USPTO post issuance proceedings.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Scott worked as an electrical engineer for a government agency, troubleshooting embedded systems and circuit designs. He also has experience across a wide range of related technologies, including computer software, wireless telecommunication protocols, network architectures, e-commerce applications, analog and digital signal processing, and consumer electronics.



**Administrative Patent Judge Terrence McMillin**  
*United States Patent and Trademark Office*

Administrative Patent Judge Terrence W. McMillin was appointed to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) on June 16, 2014. Judge McMillin practiced intellectual property law for over thirty years prior to joining the PTAB. Judge McMillin earned his law degree from DePaul University College of Law and has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois.



**Kevin McNish**  
*McNish PLLC*

A registered patent attorney, Kevin McNish represents clients in inter partes reviews, post-grant reviews,

ex parte reexaminations, and other proceedings in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. With first-chair experience spanning more than 90 IPRs and other Patent Trial and Appeal Board proceedings, he has drafted petitions and responsive briefs; taken and defended expert depositions; and argued at oral hearings. He also maintains an active appellate practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, where he has both briefed and argued appeals of PTAB proceedings.

Outside of his work for McNish PLLC, Kevin is a committed member of the PTAB Bar Association, where he serves as a Vice Chair of the Technology Committee and the District Court / International Trade Commission Desk Editor for the biweekly PTAB Roundup newsletter. He regularly speaks about practice before the PTAB and Federal Circuit, and has spoken at national events hosted by the PTAB Bar Association and the Practising Law Institute (PLI).

Kevin earned a bachelor's degree in physics, mathematics, and art history at Vanderbilt University before earning his law degree at the University of Virginia School of Law. He lives in Maine with his wife and their two basset hounds.



**Jad Mills**  
*Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati PC*

Jad A. Mills is a partner in the Seattle office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where his practice focuses on proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office under the America Invents Act and related

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appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Jad has experience in matters before various federal district courts, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, the International Trade Commission, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, California Superior Courts, and the California Court of Appeals. He has experience in a wide variety of technology areas, including life sciences, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and electronic systems.

Jad has provided pro bono legal assistance throughout his career, including successfully representing multiple clients before the Court of Appeals for Veteran's Claims.

Prior to entering private practice, Jad served as a law clerk to the Honorable Raymond W. Gruender of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and as an intern for the Honorable F. Dennis Saylor IV of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.



**Circuit Judge Pauline Newman**  
*United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit*

Pauline Newman was appointed by President Ronald W. Reagan in 1984. From 1969 to 1984, Judge Newman served as Director, Patent, Trademark and Licensing Department, FMC Corporation, and as house counsel from 1954. She worked as a research scientist at the American Cyanamid Company from 1951 to 1954. From 1961 to 1962, she worked for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization as a science policy specialist. She served on the Domestic Policy Review of Industrial

Innovation from 1978 to 1979, on the State Department Advisory Committee on International Intellectual Property from 1974 to 1984, and from 1982 to 1984 as Special Adviser to the United States Delegation to the Diplomatic Conference on the Revision of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property. She served as Distinguished Professor of Law at the George Mason University School of Law. Judge Newman received a B.A. from Vassar College in 1947, an M.A. from Columbia University in 1948, a Ph.D. from Yale University in 1952, and an LL.B. from New York University School of Law in 1958.



**Administrative Patent Judge Devon Zastrow Newman**  
*United States Patent and Trademark Office*

Administrative Patent Judge Devon Zastrow Newman was appointed to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) on May 16, 2016. Judge Newman began her career in private practice where she served as an associate, first at the law firm Klarquist & Sparkman, LLP, and then at the law firm Keating, Jones & Hughes, PC. She joined the PTAB from Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, PC, where she served first as senior counsel and then as a shareholder. Judge Newman earned a law degree from Cornell Law School, a Master of Science degree in Biomedical Basic Sciences from the University of Colorado, a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry, both from New Mexico State University.



**David O'Brien**  
*Haynes and Boone LLP*

David's representation of technology

clients builds on substantial prior-career experience including R&D for DARPA and other clients, in areas of multiprocessor architecture; software and algorithms for parallel and distributed computing; semiconductor devices, fabrication and materials; internetworking protocols; process control; opto-electronics and lasers, and computer vision/imaging systems. David's patent legal representations span computer several generations of computer hardware and software technologies including superscalar, multicore and massively parallel processors, various programming languages and code development environments, operating system internals, memory and storage hierarchies, internetworking standards and RFCs, cryptosecurity, INFOSEC and malware, virtualization, compilers, debuggers and execution tracing, eCommerce, geolocation and mobility.

David is published and lectures on patent law and protection of computer software. Recent topics include IPR and CBM strategies, section 101 law, litigating divided infringement claims, including issues of transnational and joint liability for infringements, claim construction, and continuing application strategy.

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**Jennifer O'Connell**  
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at Stanek Lemon. She is a patent attorney whose practice includes preparing, filing and prosecuting domestic and foreign patent applications in the mechanical and electromechanical arts and materials sciences. Jenn has prosecuted portfolios in consumer goods, metallurgy and steelmaking, solar technology, printing, packaging, automotive and transportation and manufacturing equipment. Jenn also counsels clients on domestic and international portfolio management and works together with clients to align parallel prosecutions and proceedings. She enjoys teaming up with in-house counsel, sales teams, R&D and foreign counsel to obtain, defend, protect, monetize and enforce intellectual property. Jenn also has experience drafting invalidity and non-infringement opinions and has served as lead counsel in an AIA trial. Prior to joining Stanek Lemon, Jenn was a partner at a patent boutique in NYC.



**Acting Senior Lead  
Administrative  
Patent Judge Miriam  
Latorre Quinn**  
*United States Patent  
and Trademark Office*

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.



**Megan Raymond**  
*Groombridge Wu  
Baughman & Stone  
LLP*

Megan F. Raymond is a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Groombridge, Wu, Baughman & Stone LLP. She is one of the top 50 women in Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) trials, having been involved in PTAB trials from their early days. Megan also tries patent cases in federal district courts and in the International Trade Commission, and argues appeals before the Federal Circuit.

Megan represents clients on both the petitioner and patent owner side across a wide variety of technology areas. In some of her earlier work before the PTAB, she represented a leading U.S. consumer electronics company in pursuing more than 40 CBM petitions relating to sale of digital content over the Internet that together invalidated every one of 150 litigated claims in seven patents that had led to a \$533 million district court jury verdict. Megan is ranked in Chambers USA as an Up and

Coming practitioner for Intellectual Property: Patent. Chambers describes her having particular expertise in PTAB proceedings and describes her as “a very smart and capable lawyer, who represents clients in a very effective way.” Megan has also been recognized by IAM 1000 and The Legal 500, as “a rising star who can handle difficult arguments and witnesses with grace and effectiveness.” And (beginning with Release 12), Megan has authored updates to PLI’s treatise, *Post-Grant Proceedings Before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board*.

Megan currently serves on the Board of the PTAB Bar Association. Megan is also the chair of the Federal Circuit Bar Association’s PTAB committee and the vice-co-chair of the Federal Circuit Bar Association’s Mock Argument Committee. She previously served as the vice-chair of the PTAB Bar Association’s Programming Committee and Women’s Committee. On the Women’s Committee she worked on preparing the PTAB Bar Association Women at the PTAB report on gender diversity in the PTAB. Prior entering private practice, Megan clerked at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Before law school, she was a fellow at the FDA CBER Laboratory of Immunoregulation, developing and publishing papers on novel HIV vaccine candidates.



**Lead Administrative  
Patent Judge  
Annette Reimers**  
*United States Patent  
and Trademark Office*

Lead Administrative Patent Judge Annette R. Reimers was appointed to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) on June 8, 2012. Lead Judge Reimers first joined the

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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as a patent examiner in the medical device arts. Subsequently, Lead Judge Reimers served as a patent attorney in the Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property at the U.S. Department of Energy, where she prepared and prosecuted patent applications for the U.S. National Laboratories, the U.S. State Department, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Lead Judge Reimers then rejoined the USPTO at the PTAB as a patent attorney, after which she became a judge.

Lead Judge Reimers earned her law degree from the University of Miami School of Law. She also holds a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree and a Master of Science degree in Biomedical Sciences from Barry University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences from Florida International University.



**Alexis Ritzer**  
*United States Patent and Trademark Office*

Ms. Alexis Ritzer earned a law degree from Texas A&M

University School of Law, a master of science in atmospheric and oceanic sciences from University of Wisconsin–Madison, and a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Southwestern University. During law school, Alexis was an extern for Judge Jane Boyle at the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Alexis also served as a student attorney and teaching assistant in the Texas A&M University School of Law Patent Clinic.



**Thomas Rozyłowicz**  
*Fish & Richardson PC*

Tom Rozyłowicz is a principal in Fish's Washington, D.C., office, where

his practice includes all aspects of intellectual property law, with particular emphasis on patent procurement, post-grant America Invents Act proceedings, and licensing in the software, electronics, communications, and medical device fields.

Tom works with clients ranging from Fortune 100 to emerging companies in establishing and managing comprehensive IP programs that add capital value to clients and protect their products and markets. Tom provides patent procurement counsel to clients developing innovative business intelligence, telecommunications, network, biometric, software, semiconductors, medical device, and physical access control technologies. For example, an IEEE survey ranked a patent portfolio that Tom built was among the top in the software industry.

Tom also has experience in post-grant proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. With a strong technical foundation, he represents both patent owners and petitioners in establishing positions before the PTAB for patents that are often in patent litigation. Tom has managed more than 90 AIA post-grant matters and is a member of the board of directors of the PTAB Bar Association, the first national bar association of its kind to form in more than 30 years. He previously served as conference chairman for the association, where he supported a national conference designed to foster best practices before the PTAB. Tom also provides general IP counseling on other strategic IP issues including risk

assessment, patent opinions, patent mapping, patent categorization, and industry benchmarking.

With a diverse practice, Tom also enjoys working with early-stage companies. He has developed programs that reconcile existing asset management systems with docket management systems and extranets in order to better manage their developing IP.

Tom previously worked as a senior electrical engineer and a law clerk for the National Security Agency in Fort Meade, Maryland, where he directed leading-edge research efforts to develop secure communications equipment for the Department of Defense and the national intelligence community (1999-2000). He was also chief of network operations for the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisitions, Pentagon, Virginia, where he designed and managed a nationwide network upgrade supporting broadcast quality video and H.323 video conferencing, enabling the undersecretary to directly engage the entire DoD acquisition community (1994-1999). Tom also served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force (1998-2001).

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motors and generators and related power electronics; battery charging and discharging control systems; analog circuits; semiconductor manufacturing



**Dr. Stephanie Schonewald**  
*Choate Hall & Stewart LLP*

Dr. Stephanie Schonewald

counsels biotech and pharmaceutical companies on the strategic development of patent portfolios, patent prosecution, and post-grant patent challenges.

Stephanie advises clients who are involved in contentious patent scenarios. She has handled a variety of third party submissions, protests, and post-grant proceedings before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). She has worked on over 55 inter partes review, post grant review, and covered business method review proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB).

Stephanie also advises clients on the management of their US patent office activity alongside other global patent activity. For example, she routinely consults with clients on European third party observations and oppositions. She has also consulted with clients on post-grant challenges in other key jurisdictions, including Australia and Japan.

Stephanie's skills in managing patent disputes were developed, in part, through her district court patent litigation experience. She has litigated and advised clients regarding complex patent infringement and validity issues in a variety of jurisdictions across the country.

Stephanie's clients include

Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Foundation Medicine, Inc., BioNTech SE, Akouos, Inc., Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Progenics Pharmaceuticals, and Saudi Arabian Oil Company.



**Thomas Scott**  
*Personalized Media Communications*

Tom Scott joined PMC full-time in 2014 as the

Company's General Counsel after having served as the Company's outside patent counsel since 1985. Mr. Scott has been a practicing patent attorney for over forty years, working in all areas of intellectual property practice, including patent portfolio development, patent and trademark counseling, patent and trademark litigation, appellate practice before the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and patent and technology licensing. During his career, Mr. Scott headed the Intellectual Property practices at two major law firms, Hunton & Williams and Goodwin Procter LLP. Mr. Scott has authored or co-authored numerous publications in the area of Intellectual Property and is a frequent speaker on Intellectual Property subjects at professional organizations.



**Nina Srejovic**  
*Georgetown University Law Center*

Nina Srejovic is a Visiting Professor and Acting Director

of the Intellectual Property and Information Policy (iPIP) Clinic.

Before coming to Georgetown Law, she litigated several landmark intellectual property cases for bioscience and technology clients, including successfully representing biotech pioneer Cetus Corporation in the trial upholding the validity of Cetus' patents for Kari Mullis' Nobel Prize-winning polymerase chain reaction (PCR) technology. She also served on the Attorney Advisory Committee for the District Court for the Northern District of California and managed the court's Case Management Pilot Program to reduce cost and delay in civil litigation. Professor Srejovic's research tackles the intersection of new technologies and intellectual property and examines root causes for the underrepresentation of women in the innovation narrative. Professor Srejovic is a member of the patent bar and is licensed to practice in California and the District of Columbia. She holds a J.D., cum laude, from the University of Michigan Law School and a B.A., with distinction, in economics from Stanford University.



**Vice Chief 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,

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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.



**Buddy Toliver**  
*CISCO*

Buddy Toliver is Senior Corporate Counsel at Cisco where he works with a team of attorneys managing Cisco's patent litigation and IPR practice. He is a Georgia State University College of Law alum and holds a B.S. in Applied Physics from Brigham Young University. Prior to working at Cisco, he spent seven years at Kilpatrick Townsend. Outside of the office, Buddy looks for opportunities to be involved and serve organizations in the community, including a recent seven year term on the board of the non-profit organization Partnership Against Domestic Violence, a group seeking to end the crime of

domestic violence and empower its survivors.



**Sabra-Anne Truesdale**  
*Western Digital*

Sabra joined Western Digital in 2015 as in-house patent counsel. In 2020, she created She Invents, Western Digital's female inventor program, and has led the program ever since. Prior to law school, Sabra earned a B.S. in Computer Science and Engineering and an M.Eng. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from MIT.



**Andrew Turner**  
*Brooks Kushman PC*

Andy Turner is a shareholder at Brooks Kushman and Co-Chair of Brooks' Post-Grant Proceedings practice. He holds degrees in both electrical and mechanical engineering and focuses his practice on post-grant proceedings, patent prosecution, patent portfolio management, and opinion preparation. His practice encompasses a wide range of technical areas, including hybrid and electric vehicle systems, autonomous vehicle technology, audio systems, lighting systems including smart home technology, and exercise equipment.

Andy represents petitioners and patent owners in post-grant proceedings including inter partes review, reissue, and protest. He has successfully challenged hundreds of claims for petitioners and secured

multiple decisions denying institution for patent owners. Andy also has experience with litigation related to IPRs and has appeared in over 20 IPR appeals to the Federal Circuit.

Prior to his legal career, Andy was an engineer in the automotive industry for 6 years. He designed and developed several electro-mechanical systems, including adjustable pedals, brake systems, and battery charging systems.



**Director Kathi Vidal**  
*Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office*

Kathi Vidal serves as the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) – America's Innovation Agency.

As the chief executive of the USPTO, she leads one of the largest intellectual property (IP) offices in the world, with more than 13,000 employees and an annual budget of more than \$4 billion. She is the principal IP advisor to the President and the Administration, through the Secretary of Commerce, and is focused on incentivizing and protecting U.S. innovation, entrepreneurship, and creativity. She leads an agency whose mission is to help American workers and businesses compete and collaborate, especially in groundbreaking technologies and across all demographics. As Director of the USPTO, Vidal is working to expand American innovation for and from all, and to bring more ideas to impact, including serving as the Vice Chair of the [Council for Inclusive](#)

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**Innovation** (CI<sup>2</sup>), alongside Secretary of Commerce Gina M. Raimondo and the Council members.

Director Vidal grew up in a career military family and spent her childhood on military bases in the United States, Panama, Germany, and the Azorean Islands (Portugal). She learned the value of hard work, financial security, and education from her parents, who often held multiple jobs and attended classes at night and on weekends to earn their bachelor's and master's degrees.

Her interest in science led her to attend Binghamton University at the age of 16, where she received her bachelor's in electrical engineering. Before graduating, she started her career at General Electric (GE) Aerospace (later Lockheed Martin). She was selected into the Edison Engineering Program and pursued her master's in electrical engineering in Syracuse University's night program. During her time at GE, she designed one of the first artificial intelligence systems for aircraft, as well as aircraft and engine-control systems that continue to keep our military safe today.

Recognizing the value of innovation, Director Vidal pursued a career in IP. She put herself through law school and obtained a Juris Doctor from the University of Pennsylvania, where she was Editor-in-Chief of the University of Pennsylvania Law Review. After clerking for Judge Alvin Anthony Schall on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Director Vidal joined Fish & Richardson P.C., where she became a recognized expert on IP law, led a litigation group of 270 attorneys in 11 global offices, and served on the firm's Management Committee. She later joined Winston & Strawn LLP, where she served on the firm's Executive Committee and was Managing Partner of its Silicon Valley office. Throughout her career,

Director Vidal has represented new innovators and startup companies with limited resources. She has also represented many of our country's most successful and well-known companies.

Director Vidal has helped harness and protect innovation at all levels. Prior to joining the USPTO, she represented both patent holders and defendants in U.S. district courts and the International Trade Commission. She has also been deeply involved in practice before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), argued numerous Federal Circuit appeals, and led amicus efforts on important cases before the Federal Circuit and the Supreme Court. She has received many awards as a top litigator and was inducted into the Litigation Counsel of America, a society of the leading American trial lawyers.

Director Vidal has spent her career championing the importance of mentoring and expanding opportunities to include more individuals from underserved communities. She has played an active role on the advisory board of Chiefs in Intellectual Property (ChIPs), a network of women leaders in technology, law, and policy, and on other boards and committees focused on diversity and inclusion, and has mentored diverse women across the globe as part of the Fortune-U.S. Department of State Global Women's Mentoring Partnership program. She builds on that work today.



**John Whealan**  
*George Washington University, Law School*

John Whealan is the first Intellectual Property Advisory Board Associate

Dean for Intellectual Property Law Studies at George Washington Law School, a position he has held for fifteen years. As Associate Dean for IP, he coordinates all aspects of the law schools IP program. Dean Whealan also regularly teaches Patent Law, and a course on the Federal Circuit.

Before joining GW Law, John had the rare honor of serving in all three branches of government (plus one independent Commission) in the area of IP law. He has worked at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as the Deputy General Counsel for IP Law and Solicitor, where he oversaw all IP litigation and IP agency advice. He served as Counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee working on the legislation that eventually became the American Invents Act (AIA). He clerked for two Judges: Randall R. Rader of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and James Turner of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. John also was a Staff Attorney at the U.S. International Trade Commission where he worked on several Section 337 litigations. John has also worked in private practice for Fish & Neave, and as an engineer for General Electric. And he has taught at other law schools including Franklin Pierce, George Mason, and Chicago-Kent.

Over his career John has argued approximately 30 cases before the Federal Circuit (including three en banc) and served as primary counsel in hundreds of such cases. He has also served on the Federal Circuit Advisory Council by three different Chief Judges (CJ Michel, Rader and Prost).

Dean Whealan holds a BS in Electrical Engineering from Villanova University; an MS in Electrical Engineering from Drexel University; and a JD, from Harvard University.

Dean Whealan is also regularly hired in his private capacity. He is most often hired either to consult on patent

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appeals or to serve as an expert. Dean Whealan has worked on numerous matters for leading technology companies as clients and with leading law firms.



**Alex Yap**  
*Morrison & Foerster  
LLP*

Alex Yap is a partner in the Intellectual Property Group.

As a former administrative patent law judge at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), he helps clients navigate post-grant adversarial proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). He focuses his practice on America Invents Act (AIA) trials before the PTAB, as well as IP litigation matters.

Prior to rejoining the firm, Alex served as an administrative patent judge at the USPTO in San Jose, CA. In that capacity, he presided on ex parte appeals, inter partes review (IPR), and covered business method (CBM) patent proceedings.

Utilizing his electrical and computer engineering degrees and experience from senior engineering roles, Alex spent 11 years at MoFo advising technology clients on patent litigations. During that time, he was involved in PTO reexamination/review proceedings and obtained cancellations of the asserted claims in numerous cases.

Prior to becoming a lawyer, Alex spent more than four years as a circuit design engineer for Freescale (formerly Motorola, Inc.) and Analog Devices, Inc., designing embedded non-volatile (flash) memories and asymmetric digital subscriber line (ADSL) chipsets. During that time, he developed extensive expertise in

computer hardware and software architecture, communication systems, digital and analog circuit design, and digital signal processing. He has published numerous technical articles in trade journals and is an inventor on multiple U.S. patents.



**Deborah Yellin**  
*Crowell & Moring  
LLP*

Deborah H. Yellin is a partner in Crowell &

Moring's Washington, D.C. office. She focuses her practice on U.S. Patent and Trademark Office post-grant proceedings, intellectual property portfolio management, patent procurement, counseling and district court litigation.

Debbie has extensive experience in post-grant proceedings, including those that accompany Hatch-Waxman and BPCIA cases. She helped secure the first successful IPR challenge filed by generics makers, in an IPR before the PTAB and Federal Circuit, challenging a formulation patent on the multiple sclerosis drug Gilenya®, and has secured other victories including in IPRs relating to patents on Neulasta® and Neupogen®.

Debbie has a diverse range of experience in patent law, including preparing and prosecuting patent applications in the chemical, medical device and pharmaceuticals areas; providing infringement and validity opinions; conducting due diligence and patent landscape analyses; counseling in litigation and post-grant proceedings, including pharmaceutical litigation arising under the Hatch-Waxman Act; and participating in inter partes interferences. She is experienced in

preparing Patent Term Extensions under the Hatch-Waxman Act for both drugs and medical devices, and counseling clients in related issues.



**Daniel Zeilberger**  
*Paul Hastings LLP*

Daniel Zeilberger is Of Counsel in the Litigation practice of Paul Hastings and

is based in the firm's Washington, D.C. office.

Mr. Zeilberger's practice focuses on intellectual property matters, including patent office proceedings, district court litigation, and appeals to the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Mr. Zeilberger has substantial experience preparing written submissions; taking and defending fact witness and expert depositions; and first- and second-chairing oral arguments.

Mr. Zeilberger has handled matters involving a wide range of technical areas, including Internet-related technologies, mobile devices, semiconductor devices, telecommunications, business methods, medical devices, and pharmaceuticals. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Zeilberger served as a patent examiner at the USPTO, where he gained valuable experience with USPTO standards and procedures.

Mr. Zeilberger devotes a portion of his time to serving the bar. He has been actively involved in the PTAB Bar Association for several years, and currently serves on its Board of Directors. Mr. Zeilberger also works on a variety of pro bono matters and has successfully represented several individuals seeking asylum.

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**Brandy Zukanovich**  
*Patent Attorney,  
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Ms. Zukanovich  
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Attorney with the U.S. Patent and  
Trademark Office (USPTO) Patent Trial  
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Prior to joining the USPTO  
Patent Trial and Appeal Board, Ms.  
Zukanovich previously worked as a  
Review Quality Assurance Specialist in  
the Office of Patent Quality Assurance.  
She has also served as an Examination  
Specialist Primary Patent Examiner,  
examining Pre-Gatt applications  
and, before that, as a Primary Patent  
Examiner in Technology Center  
3600, examining Business Method  
applications. Ms. Zukanovich has  
also completed an examiner detail  
at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board  
and a detail at the Office of the Under  
Secretary & Director, working with the  
USPTO Silicon Valley Regional Office.

Ms. Zukanovich is a member of  
the California bar and is registered  
to practice before the USPTO. She  
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Law and a Bachelor of Science degree  
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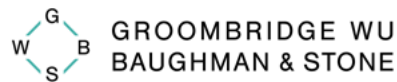
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