

**Andrew Faile Deputy Commissioner for Patent Operations** 

As the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Operations, Andrew Faile is responsible for all patent examining functions in the nine Patent Technology Centers, the Central Reexamination Unit and the Office of Examination Support Services. Andrew was the Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Patent Operations for the Electrical Discipline and has over 27 years of experience in patent examining and operations management. He first joined the USPTO in 1989 as a patent examiner in the areas of cellular telephony, radio frequency communications, and cable television. In 1994, he earned an examiner master's rating in telecommunications. Andy served on a joint management/union task force in charge of modernizing the examiner production and performance systems. He was awarded the Department of Commerce Silver Medal for his work on the task force and received the Presidential rank award in 2014.