

TENTATIVE PROGRAM (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

8:00 am Continental Breakfast

9:00 am Opening Remarks

Lisa A. Kloppenberg, Dean, Santa Clara Law

Part I. Patent Quality Initiative , Version 2.0: What it Means to You

9:10 am The USPTO's Enhanced Patent Quality Initiative

Valencia Martin Wallace, Deputy Commissioner of Patent Quality, USPTO

9:45 am Achieving Clarity of Record; Best Practices for Drafting Quality Patent Applications

Panel Moderator: Janet Gongola, USPTO

Panelists:

Cassandra (Sandie) Spyrou, Senior Quality Assurance Specialist in the Office of Patent Quality Management

Bob Bahr, Senior Patent Counsel in the Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy

Tom Irving, Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett & Dunner, LLP, Washington DC

Courtenay Brinckerhoff, Foley & Lardner, LLP, Washington DC

10:45 am Break

11:00 am Improving Patent Quality Through Remote Examiner Interviews

Tim Callahan, Director of Technology Center 2400, USPTO

Tom Irving, Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett & Dunner, LLP, Washington DC

11:30 am The PTO's New Quality Metrics

Tony Caputto, USPTO

Marty Rater, Chief Statistician in the Office of Patent Quality Assurance

12:15 pm

Lunch and Keynote Speaker: Russ Slifer, Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce and Deputy Director, USPTO

Part II. Trials at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board: New Rules, Hot Issues and a Live Hearing

Afternoon Moderator: Paul Kitch

1:30 pm

State of the Board

Scott Boalick, Vice-Chief Judge, Patent Trial and Appeal Board

1:50 pm

Proposed Rule Changes at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board

Panel Moderator: Sharon Israel

Overview of proposed rule changes

Lead Judge Susan Mitchell, USPTO

2:20 pm The Bar's Response to Proposed Rule Changes; Audience questions and Feedback

Brad Pedersen, Patterson Thuente Pedersen, P.A., Minneapolis, MN

Erika Harmon Arner, Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett & Dunner, LLP, Reston, VA

Judge Susan Mitchell, USPTO

Judge Peter Chen, USPTO

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2:45 pm

Hot Issues in PTAB Trials: coordination of district court and PTAB; appeals to the federal circuit; any changes imposed by patent reform; other issues

Moderator: Sharon Israel, Mayer Brown, Houston TX

Panelists:

Judge Tina Hulse and Lead Judge Matt Clements, USPTO

David McCombs, Haynes and Boone, LLP, Richardson TX

Todd Baker, Oblon McClelland, Maier and Neustadt, LLP, Alexandria VA

3:30 pm

Break/ Set up for Trial

3:50 pm

Introduction to Live Hearing

4:00 pm

Live PTAB Hearing

Ariosa v. Illumina (IPR 2014-01093) (not yet approved)

Lead Judge Lora Green, Judge Tina Hulse, Judge Zhenyu Yang

5:00pm

Closing Remarks

5:05PM

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