

Partnering in Patents XVI

An Open Dialogue Between the USPTO and the Bar

12:00 – 4:00 pm

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Program Agenda

Moderators

- Lynne Anderson, Senior Program Manager, IBM Corporation
- Michael Dunnam, Partner, Woodcock Washburn

12:00 – 12:05 pm **Kick-Off**

James Dwyer, Assistant Deputy
Commissioner for Patent Operations

12:05 – 12:35 pm **Information Session – USPTO Updates**

Tim Callahan, Director, TC 2400

Topics will include: Ombudsman Program, Peer Review, Central Reexamination Unit, Patent Prosecution Highway, Board of Appeals, PCT Outsourcing, Count System, Accelerated Examination Options

12:35 – 1:35 pm **101 Updates – Patentable Subject Matter**

USPTO Interim Guidelines

Drew Hirshfeld, Acting Deputy
Commissioner for Patent Examination
Policy

Impact of Bilski and the USPTO Interim Guidelines on Patent Prosecution and Enforcement

Diallo Crenshaw, Partner, Sughrue Mion,
PLLC

1:35 – 2:05 pm **Beware the Inequitable Conduct Charge! (i.e., Why Practitioners Submit What Practitioners Submit)**

Lisa Dolak, Professor of Law, Syracuse University

2:05 – 2:20 pm **Break**

2:20 – 2:50 pm **Claim Construction – Why Practitioners Write Claims in the Manner That They Do**

Deanna Allen, Partner, Dickstein Shapiro

2:50 – 3:50 pm **Interview Practice from the Perspective of Both Practitioners and Examiners**

Joseph Oriti, Partner, Woodcock Washburn

Topics will include: summary of results of morning focus session, mock interview, open floor for questions/comments

3:50 – 4:00 pm **Closing**

James Dwyer

NEW! Focus Session: Interview Practice 9:30 – 11:00am

As stated by Director David Kappos, “an interview can help the examiner and the applicant get to the heart of the patentability determination quickly and efficiently.” Director Kappos also noted that while some “interviews are clearly productive,” other “interviews are not so beneficial.” Recently, the USPTO held training for examiners on effective interview practice and would like to solicit feedback from both attorneys and examiners to determine whether this training was effective and how interview practice can be further improved.

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