

## Patent Prosecution Boot Camp | March 4-6, 2026

AIPLA Headquarters | Arlington, VA

### Wednesday, March 4, 2026

**8:00 - 8:30 am** Breakfast, Registration, and Networking

#### **Application Preparation**

Lead by: Stefan Osterbur, Van Hoven P.C.

**8:30 - 8:40 am** **Opening Remarks**

**8:40 - 9:15 am** **Initial Inventor Interview and Invention Disclosure**

Stephanie Kwong, Abbott Labs

**9:15 - 10:00 am** **Inventorship/Filing Formalities**

Theresa Stadheim, Marshall IP

**10:00 - 10:30 am** **Patent Search and Opinions**

Rocky Lieberman, Lieberman & Brandsdorfer, LLC

**10:30 - 10:45 am** **Break**

**10:45 - 11:30 am** **Overview of Design Patents**

Margaret Polson, Polson IP Law

**11:30 - 12:15 pm** **Proper Use of AI**

Tom Franklin, Mughal Gaudry and Franklin PC

**12:15 - 1:00 pm** **Lunch & Speaker:** Drew Hirshfeld, SLW - Former Commissioner of Patents

**1:00 - 1:45 pm** **Application Drafting and Provisional Applications**

Peter Jay, Wenderoth, Lind & Ponack

**1:45 - 5:30 pm** **Claims Drafting Workshops (Break: 3:45 - 4:00 pm)**

#### **Mechanical**

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### **Electrical**

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### **Biotech/Pharma/Chemical**

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## **Thursday, March 5, 2026**

**8:00 - 8:15 am** Breakfast and Networking

### **Prosecution of Patent Applications**

Lead by: Tony Curtis, Schwegman Lundberg & Woessner, PA

**8:15 - 9:15 am**            **Responding to § 102 and 103 Rejections**  
Mauricio Uribe, Knobbe Martens

**9:15 - 10:30 am**        **Responding to § 101 and § 112 Rejections**  
Matt Marrone, Dennemeyer

**10:30 -10:40 am**        **Break**

**10:40 - 11:20 am**        **Restriction, Elections, and Double Patenting**  
Steve Petkovsek, Fish Richardson

**11:20 -12:00 pm**        **Continuations and RCEs**  
Ian Clouse, Holland & Hart  
Zachary Christofferson, Holland & Hart

**12:00 – 12:15 pm**        **Lunch**

**12:15 - 12:45 pm**        **Examiner Interviews & Knowing the USPTO**  
Yelena Morozova, Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP

**12:45 - 12:55 pm**        **Break**

**1:00 - 4:00 pm**            **Responding to Office Actions Workshops (Break: 2:45 - 3:00 pm)**

### **Mechanical**

Rakhi Nikhanj, Mueting Raasch Group  
Andy Johnson, Donaldson Company  
Patent Examiner, USPTO

**Electrical/Software**

Usha Parker, Perilla Knox & Hildebrandt  
Anna Lloyd, Nokia  
Patent Examiner, USPTO

**Biotech/Chemical**

Joshua Goldberg, Nath, Goldberg & Meyer  
Joshua Ney, Barnes & Thornburg, LLP  
Patent Examiner, USPTO

**4:00 - 5:30 pm**            **Reception at USPTO – Shuttle bus provided**

**Friday, March 6, 2026**

**8:00 - 8:30 am**            Breakfast and Networking

**Digging Deeper: Petitions, Appeals, Post-Grant Proceedings, & Int'l Practice**

Lead by: Stefan Osterbur, Van Hoven P.C.  
Tony Curtis, Schwegman Lundberg & Woessner, PA

**8:30 - 9:30 am**            **Petitions and Appeals**  
Kevin Hawkes, IPTechLaw

**9:30 - 10:15 am**        **Prosecution Tips from Patent Litigator's Perspective**  
Brian Horne, Knobbe Martens

**10:15 - 10:30 am**       **Break**

**10:30 - 11:15 am**       **Issuance, Patent Term, Certificate of Correction, Disclaimers & Maintenance**  
Babak Akhlaghi, NovotechIP

**11:15 am - 12:15 pm**   **Ethics, IDS & Duty of Candor**  
Tom Irving, The Marbury Law Group, PLLC

**12:15 – 1:30 pm**        **Lunch (on your own)**

**1:30 - 3:30 pm**        **PCT Filings and International Patent Prosecution**  
Jay Kesan, Key Kesan Dallmann PLLC

**3:30 pm**                **Concluding Remarks**