



Roadshow on U.S. Patent Office Practice and Proceedings

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“AIPLA on the Road: The Latest on Patent Practice Before the USPTO and the PTAB (including Ethics)”

Join AIPLA to get the most up-to-date information on (1) U.S. Patent Office Practice, including implementation of and updates to the USPTO’s Section 101 Guidelines, tips for drafting successful quality patent applications, search initiatives and AI tools,(2) Trial Practice Before the PTAB, including interactive sessions with administrative patent judges and expert practitioners; and (3) an ethics session on professional responsibility and practice before the USPTO. This program will feature sessions covering patent drafting strategies in line with the USPTO’s quality initiatives, an update on Section 101 guidelines and how they impact our practice, an overview and update on trial practice before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, effective advocacy before the PTAB, and an interview with the Chief Judge of the PTAB. Whether you are a patent prosecutor or patent litigator, this program will include useful tricks of the trade to help you in your practice before the USPTO.

8:15 am Continental Breakfast and Registration

8:55 - 9:00 Opening remarks
– Sharon Israel, Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P.

Morning session – U.S. Patent Office Practice Updates and Strategies

Topic 1: Patent Drafting Strategies for Quality Patents
9:00 – 10:30 David Conlin, Mintz Levin (Moderator)

9:05 – 9:25 Quality Initiatives at the USPTO
Valencia Martin Wallace, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Quality, USPTO

9:25 – 9:45 Drafting Quality Patents: Practitioner Perspective
Tom Irving, Finnegan Henderson

9:45 - 10:30 Panel Discussion and Tips on Improving Patent Quality, including clarity of the record, common features and differences

- Valencia Martin Wallace, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Quality, USPTO
- Tom Irving, Finnegan Henderson
- Bart Newland, Biogen

10:30 - 10:45 Break

Topic 2: Section 101 Guidelines and Impact on Practice
10:45-11:50 - Barbara Fiacco, Foley Hoag (moderator)

10:45 -11:00 Update on USPTO Section 101 Guidelines

- Robert Bahr, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, USPTO

11:00 – 11:45 Navigating Section 101 Issues: A Discussion

- Barbara Fiacco, Foley Hoag (moderator)
- Robert Bahr, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, USPTO
- Acting Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge, Michael Kim, USPTO
- Jane Remillard, Nelson Mullins
- Gauri Dhavan, Zoll Medical

Topic 3: Using Artificial Intelligence to Improve Patent Quality
11:45 – 12:05 - Stephanie Curcio, B.Sc., J.D., Legality

12:05 - 12:25 Boxed Lunches Available

Topic 4: Professional Responsibility and Practice before the USPTO (Ethics)
12:25 – 1:25

- Will Covey, Deputy General Counsel and Director for the Office of Enrollment and Discipline

1:25 – 1:55 Break

1:55-2:00 Welcome Back - Sharon Israel, Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P.

Afternoon session – Trial Proceedings Before the PTAB

Topic 5:
2:00-2:30 Interview with Chief Administrative Patent Judge Scott Boalick
 - Scott Boalick, Chief Administrative Patent Judge, USPTO
 - Barbara Fiacco, Foley Hoag (Interviewer)

Topic 6: Best Practices in Trial Proceedings
2:30-3:45 - Dave Gosse, Fitch Even (Moderator)

2:30-2:50 Overview and Updates on AIA Trials and Trial Procedure
 - Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge Michael Tierney, USPTO

2:50-3:45 Best Practices in Trial Proceedings: A Discussion

- Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge Michael Tierney, USPTO
- Bill Barrow, Mayer Brown LLP
- Bridget Smith, Lowenstein & Weatherwax LLP

3:45-4:00 Break

Topic 7: Strategies for Amending Patent Claims: Motions to Amend, Reexamination, Reissue

4:00-5:00 - Sharon Israel, Shook Hardy & Bacon L.L.P. (Moderator)

4:00-4:15 Motions to Amend: Updates from the PTAB

- Update on Motions to Amend: Lead Administrative Patent Judge Jessica Kaiser, USPTO

4:15-5:00 Panel Discussion On Motions to Amend and Claim Amendment Strategies

- Lead Administrative Patent Judge Jessica Kaiser, USPTO
- Steven Bauer, Proskauer
- Erika Arner, Finnegan

Reception to follow

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