



Roadshows on U.S. Patent Office Practice and Proceedings

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**USPTO
Clara Barton Auditorium
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“AIPLA on the Road: The Latest on Patent Practice Before the USPTO and the PTAB”

Join AIPLA to get the most up-to-date information on (1) U.S. Patent Office Practice, including implementation of the USPTO’s Section 101 and 112 Guidelines, patent quality improvements, search initiatives and AI tools, and (2) Trial Practice Before the PTAB, including interactive sessions with administrative patent judges and expert practitioners. This program will feature sessions on ensuring quality patents, an update on Section 101 and 112 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

Morning session – U.S. Patent Office Practice

8:55 - 9:00 Opening remarks

- Sharon Israel, Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P.

9:00 – 10:30 Assuring Quality Patents

- Ken Nigon, Schwegman (Moderator)

9:05 – 9:25 USPTO Perspective

Valencia Martin Wallace, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Quality, USPTO

9:25 – 9:45 Practitioner Perspective

Tom Irving, Finnegan Henderson

9:45 - 10:30 Panel discussion on Quality, including clarity of the record, common features and differences

- Valencia Martin Wallace, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Quality, USPTO
- Tom Irving, Finnegan Henderson
- Julie Burke, Knobbe Martens
- Sam Olive, Sr. Intellectual Property Counsel, Splunk Inc.

10:30 - 10:45 Break

10:45 – 11:50 New Guidelines and Impact on Practice

Rachel Smith, Brooks Kushman (moderator)

10:45 -11:05 Update on USPTO Section 101 and 112 Guidelines

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

11:05 – 11:50 How New Guidance Will Affect Practice: A Discussion

- Rachel Smith, Brooks Kushman (moderator)
- Robert Bahr, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, USPTO
- Lead Administrative Patent Judge, Michael Kim, USPTO
- Marc Hubbard, Hubbard Johnston, PLLC
- Courtenay Brinckerhoff, Foley & Lardner

11:50 – 12:05 USPTO Search Initiatives

– Jolyn Eley, Senior Advisor for the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Quality, USPTO

12:05 – 12:25 Using Artificial Intelligence to Improve Patent Quality

– Stephanie Curcio, B.Sc., J.D., Legality

12:30 - 1:55 Lunch Break – On Own

Afternoon session – Trial Proceedings Before the PTAB

2:00-2:05 Welcome Back - Sharon Israel, Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P.

2:05-2:25 Overview and Updates on AIA Trials and Trial Procedure

– Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge Michael Tierney, USPTO

2:25-3:35 Proving your case from both sides of the “v” (Evidentiary and Discovery issues at the Board)

- Jon Bowser, Unified Patents (Moderator)
- Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge Michael Tierney, USPTO
- Bill Barrow, Mayer Brown LLP
- Lora Green, Wilson Sonsini

3:35-3:50 Break

Claim Construction Standard and Motion to Amend Procedures

– Trenton Ward, Finnegan (Moderator)

3:50-4:05 Claim Construction Standard and Motion to Amend procedures

– Update on Motion to Amend Procedures: Deputy Chief Administrative Patent Judge Jackie Bonilla, USPTO

4:05-4:45

Panel discussion

- Trenton Ward, Finnegan (Moderator)
- Deputy Chief Administrative Patent Judge Jackie Bonilla, USPTO
- Terry Rea, Crowell & Moring
- Todd Baker, Oblon

4:45-5:15

Interview with Chief Administrative Patent Judge Scott Boalick

- Scott Boalick, Chief Administrative Patent Judge, USPTO
- Sharon Israel, Shook Hardy & Bacon L.L.P. (Interviewer)

Reception to follow

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