



## **Roadshows 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”

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**

- David Conlin, Mintz Levin (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
- Donna Meuth, Eisai Inc.

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

- 10:45-11:50 New Guidelines and Impact on Practice**  
– Barbara Fiacco, Foley Hoag (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**  
– Barbara Fiacco, Foley Hoag (moderator)  
– Robert Bahr, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, USPTO  
– Lead Administrative Patent Judge, Michael Kim, USPTO  
– Jane Remillard, Nelson Mullins  
– Gauri Dhavan, Zoll Medical
- 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**

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**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)  
– Dave Gosse, Fitch Even (Moderator)  
– Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge Michael Tierney, USPTO  
– Bill Barrow, Mayer Brown LLP  
– Bridget Smith, Knobbe Martens
- 3:35-3:50 Break**
- Claim Construction Standard and Motion to Amend Procedures**  
Sharon Israel, Shook Hardy & Bacon L.L.P. (Moderator)
- 3:50-4:05 Claim Construction Standard and Motion to Amend procedures**  
– Update on Motion to Amend Procedures: Lead Administrative Patent Judge Jessica Kaiser, USPTO
- 4:05-4:45 Panel discussion**  
– Sharon Israel, Shook Hardy & Bacon L.L.P. (Moderator)  
– Lead Administrative Patent Judge Jessica Kaiser, USPTO  
– Steven Bauer, Proskauer

- Trenton Ward, Finnegan Henderson

**4:45-5:15 Interview with Chief Administrative Patent Judge Scott Boalick**

- Scott Boalick, Chief Administrative Patent Judge, USPTO
- Barbara Fiacco, Foley Hoag (Interviewer)

**Reception to follow**

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