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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.

8:00am Continental Breakfast and Registration

Morning session – U.S. Patent Office Practice

8:25 - 8:30 Opening remarks

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

8:30 – 10:00 Assuring Quality Patents

- Dennis Crouch (Moderator)

8:35 – 8:55 USPTO Perspective

Valencia Martin Wallace, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Quality, USPTO

8:55 – 9:15 Practitioner Perspective

Tom Irving, Finnegan Henderson

9:15 - 10:00 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
- Randy Canis, Cigna
- Carine Doyle, Bayer CropScience

10:00 - 10:15 Break

- 10:15-11:20 New Guidelines and Impact on Practice**
– Samir R. Mehta, Stinson LLP (moderator)
- 10:15 -10:35 Update on USPTO Section 101 and 112 Guidelines**
– Robert Bahr, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, USPTO
- 10:35 – 11:20 How New Guidance Will Affect Practice: A Discussion**
– Samir R. Mehta, Stinson LLP (moderator)
– Robert Bahr, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, USPTO
– Lead Administrative Patent Judge, Michael Kim, USPTO
– Matt Marrone, McAndrew, Held & Malloy
– Dennis Crouch
- 11:20 – 11:35 USPTO Search Initiatives**
– Jolyn Eley, Senior Advisor for the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Quality, USPTO
- 11:35 – 11:55 Using Artificial Intelligence to Improve Patent Quality**
– Stephanie Curcio, B.Sc., J.D., Legality
- 11:55 - 1:15 Lunch Break – On Own**

Afternoon session – Trial Proceedings Before the PTAB

- 1:15 Welcome Back** - Sharon Israel, Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P.
- 1:15-1:35 Overview and Updates on AIA Trials and Trial Procedure**
– Lead Administrative Patent Judge Christopher (Kit) Crumbley, USPTO
- 1:35-2:45 Proving your case from both sides of the “v”** (Evidentiary and Discovery issues at the Board)
– David Gosse, Fitch Even (Moderator)
– Lead Administrative Patent Judge Christopher (Kit) Crumbley, USPTO
– Erick Palmer, Mayer Brown LLP
– Josh Goldberg, Finnegan Henderson
- 2:45-3:00 Break**
- Claim Construction Standard and Motion to Amend Procedures**
– Sharon Israel, Shook Hardy & Bacon L.L.P. (Moderator)
- 3:00-3:15 Update on Motion to Amend Procedures**
– Lead Administrative Patent Judge Jessica Kaiser, USPTO
- 3:15-3:55 Panel discussion**
– Sharon Israel, Shook Hardy & Bacon L.L.P. (Moderator)
– Lead Administrative Patent Judge Jessica Kaiser, USPTO
– Todd Baker, Oblon
– Sal Bezos, Sterne Kessler

3:55-4:25 Interview with Chief Administrative Patent Judge Scott Boalick

- Scott Boalick, Chief Administrative Patent Judge, USPTO
- David Gosse, Fitch Even (Interviewer)

4:30 Concluding Remarks