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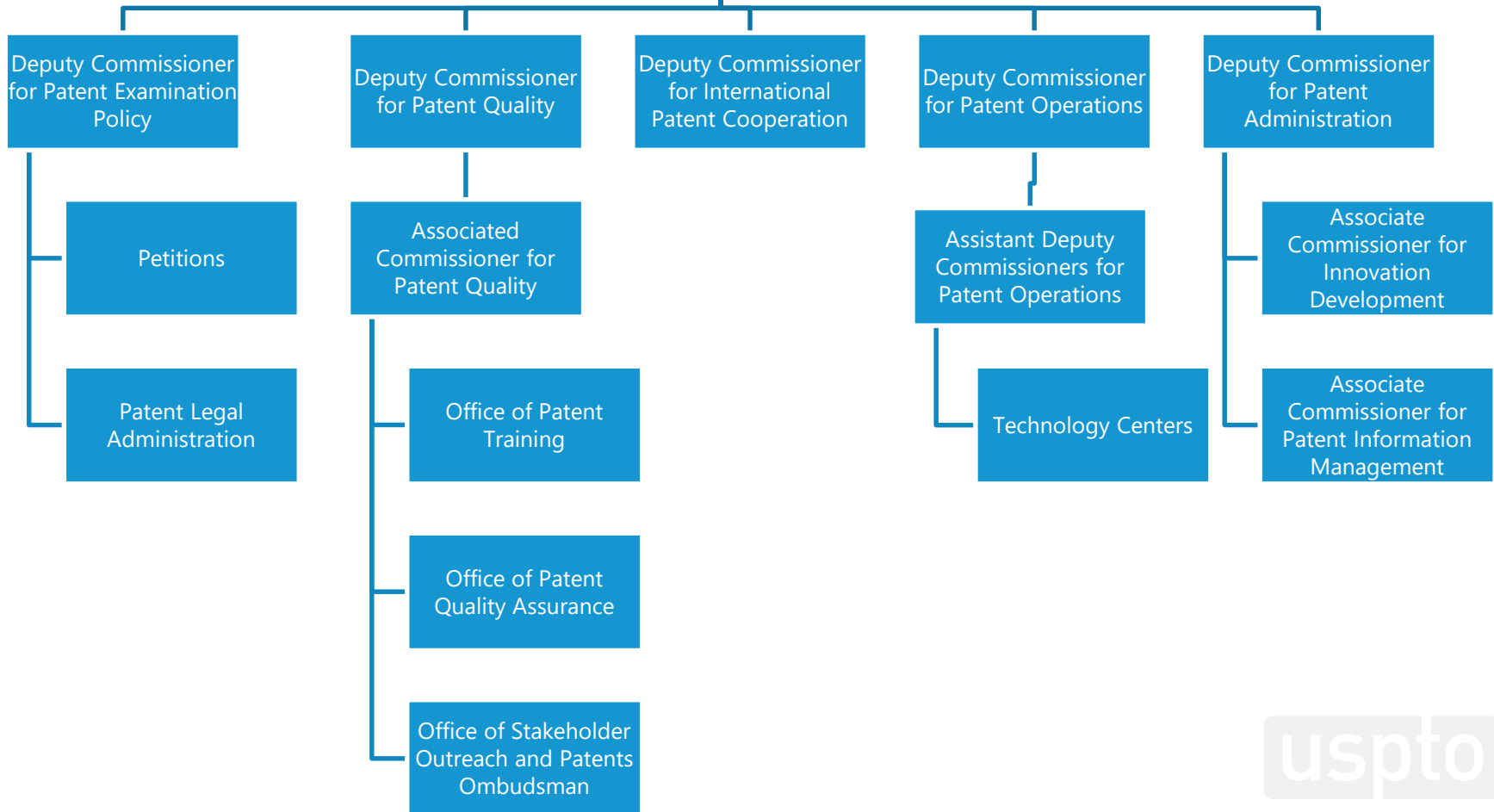
# TC 2800 Semiconductor Partnership Meeting

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# 2018 Meeting Agenda Items

- Patent Quality Cooperation
- Breakout Sessions
  - Appeals and Pre-Appeals
  - Certainty in Search and CPC
  - Interview Tools and Processes
- PTO Panel: Continuing the Conversation

# Patent Quality Cooperation – OPQA & TC Operations Quality



**Sandie Spyrou** - Supervisory Review Quality Assurance  
Specialist and TC 2800 Quality Lead



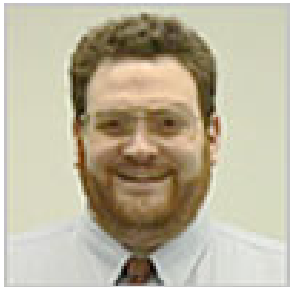
**Brian Sircus**, TC2800 Management Quality Assurance  
Specialist

# Appeals and Pre-Appeals



**Alexander Sofocleous**

Supervisory Patent Examiner Art Unit 2825



**Brian Sircus**, TC 2800 MQAS



# Certainty in Search and CPC



**Brett Feeney**

Supervisory Patent Examiner Art Unit 2822

Technology Center Lead for Classification, Semiconductor  
Workgroup

# Interview Tools and Processes



**William Kraig**

Supervisory Patent Examiner Art Unit 2813  
Technology Center 2800 Interview Specialist

# External Stake Holders



**Jun Jeong (Jun) Park, Partner,  
IP&T Group, LLP**

**Using WebEx Interview in Prosecution**

# External Stake Holders



**Rajeev Gupta, Ph.D.,**  
Partner, Finnegan, Henderson,  
Farabow, Garrett & Dunner LLP

Factors Affecting the Value of  
Semiconductor Patents

# PTO Panel: Continuing the Conversation



**Davienne Monbleau** – Supervisory Patent Examiner Art Unit 2826

**Moderator**



Sandie Spyrou



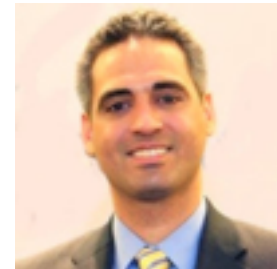
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