

# Biotechnology/Chemical/Pharmaceutical Customer Partnership Meeting

March 29, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. ET

Webinar

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9:00 – 9:10 a.m.	Welcome and opening remarks	Daniel Sullivan Director, TC1600, USPTO  Gary Jones Director, TC1600, USPTO
9:10 – 10:30 a.m.	Claim Construction and Doctrine of Equivalents – A review for the Patent Office	Henry C. Su Trial Lawyer and Partner, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP
10:30 – 10:40 a.m.	<b>Break</b>	
10:40 – 11:40 a.m.	Statutory provisions governing patent infringement – A practical analysis	Christopher J. Harnett Shareholder, Maynard, Cooper & Gale in NYC
11:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Deferred subject matter eligibility response (DSMER) pilot program	Daniel Kolker Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) TC1600, USPTO
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Patent Quality Metrics	Kathleen Bragdon Quality Assurance Specialist (mQAS) OPQA, USPTO

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1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Providing explicit rationales in rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103 Lora Barnhart Driscoll  
Quality Assurance Specialist (TQAS)  
TC1600, USPTO

2:30 – 2:40 p.m. **Break**

2:40 – 3:10 p.m. Biological Sequence Searching Christopher Babic  
Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE)  
TC1600, USPTO

3:10 – 4:40 p.m. A systematic approach to 35 U.S.C. 112(b) Gary Benzion  
Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE)  
  
Bennett Celsa  
Quality Assurance Specialist (TQAS)  
  
Amjad Abraham  
Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE)  
  
Ashwin Mehta  
Review Quality Assurance Specialist (RQAS)  
  
TC1600 and OPQA, USPTO

4:40 – 5:00 p.m. Closing remarks TC1600 Directors, USPTO