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Dear Mr. Khan:

Lewis & Clark Law School, located in Portland, Oregon believes that Portland is an ideal place for the placement of a satellite office of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. I write to address the enhanced possibilities for recruitment and retention of patent examiners that would be created by locating a satellite office in Portland.

Many patent examiners are interested in attending law school to advance their education, and any satellite office will require well trained legal professionals. Lewis & Clark Law School has built a strong national reputation in intellectual property law, offering exceptional training to budding legal professionals in the field and playing a vibrant role in the intellectual property bar in the Pacific Northwest. The law school routinely enrolls students who are engineers at many of the region's high technology and design companies, including Intel, Mentor Graphics, Nike, and Adidas. The law school offers a night program for working professionals that permits many of these engineers to maintain their jobs while they pursue a law school degree. These engineers could easily shift employment to the USPTO during law school.

As part of our nationally recognized intellectual property law program, Lewis & Clark Law School annually offers multiple sections of an Intellectual Property Survey class, and courses specifically focused on Patent Law and Policy, Patent Litigation, and Patent Prosecution. Included in the annual intellectual property curriculum are courses on Trademark Law as well as on Trademark Practice and Strategy. Additional advanced courses in the intellectual property law area, as well as multiple sections on Administrative Law, offer students a well-rounded and solid base to specialize in any aspect of intellectual property law.

Our intellectual property program would also provide enrichment opportunities for patent examiners who are not interested in attending law school, but who wish to broaden their understanding of patent law. These enrichment opportunities could assist with retention of examiners for the satellite office. Component parts of our intellectual property program include an annual Intellectual Property Distinguished Visitor – who spends several days on our campus

interacting with students, faculty, and members of the intellectual property bar. The highlight of each visitor's time on campus is a free public lecture. Through this program we have had many Federal Circuit judges visit our campus over the years, including Former Chief Judge Paul Michel, Judge Raymond Clevenger, Judge Timothy Dyk, and Judge William Bryson. This past fall, the law school hosted oral arguments by the Federal Circuit during its Oregon Court Week.

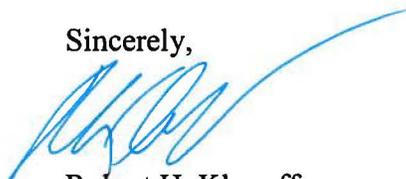
The law school routinely hosts other lectures and full-day conferences on intellectual property law subjects. This past fall, former Register of Copyrights Marybeth Peters visited our campus and delivered a keynote address. Past full-day conferences have focused on topics such as: *Bilksi v. Kappos: Everything Old is New Again* (2010); *Nonobviousness: The Shape of Things to Come* (2008); and *Markman v. Westview Instruments: Lessons from a Decade of Experience* (2005). With a satellite office in Portland, patent examiners could attend lectures and conferences on cutting-edge intellectual property law topics hosted by Lewis & Clark Law School.

Lewis & Clark would be pleased and excited to work with the satellite office in a variety of ways to improve recruitment and retention of examiners, as well as to improve the quality of patent examination. Lewis & Clark Law School has a history of working effectively with a variety of federal agencies, including the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. For 15 years, beginning in 1996, Lewis & Clark Law School served as the USPTO depository library in the State of Oregon, one of the only law schools in the country to function in this capacity. Additionally, for almost two decades, the environmental law program at Lewis & Clark Law School has offered several annual short courses on the Endangered Species Act for U.S. Forest Service and other agency specialists and line officers. In collaboration with the Federal Judicial Center, the law school's environmental program also offers an annual one-week seminar on environmental law for federal judges. The law school is open to collaborating with the USPTO to provide educational opportunities for patent examiners. Not only would these experiences assist with retention, they could help achieve the USPTO's goal of improving the quality of patent examination.

Lewis & Clark Law School draws close to 70% of its student body from outside of Oregon. We have found that, for many students, the experience of living in Oregon makes it difficult for them to return to, or to move to, other parts of the country. This desire to remain in the northwest bodes well for locating a satellite office of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Portland. An abundant supply of well-trained engineers, scientists, and lawyers in Portland will help the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office achieve its recruitment and retention goals.

We look forward to the decision and to working with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Sincerely,



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