Patent Public Advisory Committee Meeting
Legislative Update

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IP Legislation Highlights:

- Online Counterfeiting and Piracy (SOPA – H.R. 3261 and Protect IP - S. 968)
  - Consideration indefinitely postponed after protests by Internet Community

- Promoting Automotive Repair, Trade, and Sales (PARTS) Act (H.R. 3889)
  - No action on comparable legislation in 111th Congress

- AIA Technical Corrections
  - Possible to address effective dates and to address other purely technical issues

- USPTO-CJS FY 2013 Appropriations

Congressional Reports:

- AIA Required Reports: Prior User Rights and International Protection for Small Business completed and delivered; next report on Genetic Testing due June 2012

- FY 2012 Appropriations Required Reports including: economic and national security; IG recommendations; quality; IT improvements.
Recent:
- “Prior User Rights” Defense – February 1, 2012
  House Judiciary, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet

Upcoming:
- FY 2013 Appropriations – March 1, 2012
  House Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science

- Possible House/Senate USPTO Oversight Hearings – April/May 2012
Outreach to Stakeholders and Congress

- **Genetic Testing Study** (as required under the AIA); due June 2012. Public Hearings scheduled:
  - February 16 at Alexandria HQ
  - March 9 in San Diego, CA

- **Satellite Offices** (selection of next 2 locations); comment period closed January 30, 2012
  - More than 500 comments received; all posted on the website

- **Road Shows re: AIA Implementation**
  - On the road in...Alexandria, Sunnyvale, Salt Lake City, Dallas, Ft. Lauderdale, Boston and Chicago
  - Opportunity for USPTO to facilitate discussion and respond to questions regarding proposed rules

- **“Day in the Life”** – Congressional Staffers Visit

- **Congressional Staff Meetings/Briefings Ongoing**
Thank you.

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