USPTO Budget Update

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FY 2016 Status

• The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 passed on December 18, 2015
  – The bill provides the USPTO with the full requested level of $3.27B for FY 2016
  – Language states that any fees collected in excess of the appropriated level will be deposited in the Patent and Trademark Fee Reserve Fund and is available until expended
  – There is no additional restrictive language or provisions in the text that adversely impacts the USPTO
FY 2016 Status (continued)

• As of December 31, 2015
  – Planned fee collections of $754.6M
    • Patents: $685.8M, Trademarks: $68.8M
  – Year to date fee collections of $791.9M
    • Patents: $724.1M, Trademarks: $67.8M
  – Year to date spending of $884.5M
    • Patents: $776.9M, Trademarks: $107.6M
FY 2016 Status (continued)

- As of December 31, 2015
  - End of year projected fee collections of $3.07B
    - Patents: $2.79B, Trademarks: $279.8M
  - End of year projected spending of $3.22B
    - Patents: $2.89B, Trademarks: $333.2M
  - End of year projected operating reserve of $371.0M
    - Patents: $318.6M, Trademarks: $52.4M
FY 2017 President’s Budget

• The USPTO’s FY 2017 budget is under preliminary review by DoC and OMB and will be finalized the week of February 1, 2016

• The FY 2017 President’s Budget will be released publicly on February 9, 2016
Fee Review/Fee Rulemaking

- USPTO continues analyzing comments received to the proposed fee adjustment and is awaiting PPAC’s report
- The notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) is planned to be published Summer 2016 and will include the revised fee proposal
- The proposed effective date of the fee changes is currently the Summer of 2017
Questions and Comments

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