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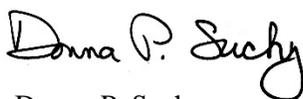
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As requested, here are some of the discussion points that the ABA-IPL Section would like to see the USPTO Patent Public Advisory Committee address and/or focus on during 2017:

1. Improving the patent examination process including reevaluating the hour allocation per examined application and improving pendency times, especially in some art units.
2. Continued clarification of the guidelines for patent eligibility.
3. Concerns over the high rate of invalidity determinations in post grant proceedings, whether because of the BRI claim construction standard or the inability of a patent owner to amend the claims in post-grant proceedings.
4. Continued consideration of harmonization issues.

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