

**PTAB BOARDSIDE CHAT: EX PARTE APPEALS
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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Judge Bradley Garris

In 1973, Judge Bradley R. Garris received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering and began working at the Patent and Trademark Office as a patent examiner. Judge Garris received a Juris Doctorate degree in 1979 and was appointed to the Board in 1987. During his 27 years at the Board, Judge Garris has processed ex parte appeals in chemical, electrical, and mechanical technologies and has served in a variety of positions including Supervisory Judge in the Patent Attorney program and Lead Judge for the Chemical Section.

Judge Linda Horner

Administrative Patent Judge Linda Horner was appointed to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in 2006. Recently, she spent a year in the role of Acting Vice Chief Judge of the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. Prior to joining the Board, Judge Horner was a Director at law firm in Washington, D.C. where she worked as a patent attorney for twelve years. Judge Horner holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Cornell University and a law degree from Boston University School of Law.

Judge John Jeffery

John Jeffery is an Administrative Patent Judge at the Patent Trial & Appeal Board, and is involved in appeals pertaining to electrical and data processing technologies in both ex parte and inter partes matters. Judge Jeffery is a graduate, magna cum laude, of the

Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law and also holds a Bachelor of Science degree, with honors, in Electrical Engineering from the University of Tennessee. Before joining the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Judge Jeffery was a commissioned officer with the United States Air Force. Subsequently, he worked as an electrical engineer for Alcoa, Inc., and practiced law in the private sector. While at the USPTO, Judge Jeffery served as a primary examiner, an instructor at the Patent Academy and a patent attorney with the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. In 1999, Judge Jeffery received the Department of Commerce Bronze Medal. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar.