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Daniel Kolker received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Vassar College in 1992. He worked as a technician in a small drug company in Cambridge MA for over two years, and then enrolled at Northwestern University's Institute for Neuroscience. He received a Ph.D. in neuroscience in 2001, and served as a post-doctoral fellow at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Upon joining the USPTO as an examiner in TC1600, he examined patent applications in the fields of neurobiology, receptors, and cytokines. In 2012, he became a supervisory patent examiner (SPE) and currently oversees art unit 1644, which examines applications in immunology. As a supervisor he works closely with junior examiners in the art unit, and is an expert on patent subject matter eligibility, particularly in the biotechnology area. In October 2017 Daniel accepted a detail in the Office of Innovation Development (OID) as the Pro Se Assistance Program Coordinator.