First Public Hearing on the SUCCESS Act

Agenda
Wednesday, May 8th, 2019
9:00 – 12:00 p.m. EST
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office – Clara Barton Auditorium
600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is preparing a study on the participation of women, minorities, and veterans in entrepreneurship activities and the patent system, as required by the 2018 Study of Underrepresented Classes Chasing Engineering and Science (SUCCESS) Act. To assist in gathering information prior to compiling the report, the USPTO invites the public to provide oral testimony at one of three public hearings.

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Registration

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.  Welcoming Remarks
Laura Peter, Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the USPTO

9:10 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.  Overview of SUCCESS Act
Andrew Toole, Chief Economist, Office of Policy and International Affairs, USPTO

9:15 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.  Roundtable Logistics
Andrew Toole, Chief Economist, Office of Policy and International Affairs, USPTO

9:20 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  Public Testimony
Patricia Duran and Jeff Hardin, Independent Inventors, Houston Inventors Association, US Inventor, and the Inventor Rights Coalition (15 minutes)
Brian Aumiller, Individual Inventor (6 minutes)
Darcy Bisker, Independent Inventor (15 minutes)
Paula Murgia, Personal Beasties Group, LLC (10 minutes)

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Break
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Public Testimony**
Dan Sullivan
Stephen Key, patentKEY (1 minute)
Dr. Leslie Flynn, University of Iowa (15 minutes)

**Open Floor for Unscheduled Testimony**

12:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Andrew Toole, Chief Economist, Office of Policy and International Affairs, USPTO