# Patent Quality Conference

**Tuesday, December 13, 2016**
**8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
**(Madison Auditorium)**
**Hosted by USPTO, Duke and Santa Clara Law Schools**

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| 8:00 – 8:30 | Check-in/Reception |
| **Opening Remarks** | |
| 8:30 – 8:40 | Welcome to USPTO and Conference |
| **Keynote Speaker** | **Michelle K. Lee** |
| 8:40 – 8:55 | Future Impact of Patent Quality in the Greater IP Community |
| **Part 1. Enhanced Patent Quality Results** | |
| 8:55 – 9:25 | Clarity of the Record Pilot Results |
| 9:25 – 9:50 | Improving Clarity and Reasoning in Office Actions<br>(ICR) Training/STEPP/Use of Artificial Intelligence in Finding Prior Art |
| 9:50 – 10:20 | Master Review Form and Quality Metrics Results |
| 10:20 – 10:30 | Break |
| 10:30 – 10:50 | Topic Submission for Case Studies Results |
| 10:50 – 11:50 | Panel Discussion with USPTO and Practitioners: ***Patent Quality in the USPTO – Our next steps!*** |
| 11:50 – 1:15 | **Lunch** |
| 12:15 – 1:15 | **Ethics Presentation**<br>(Application for CLE Credit Submitted to Virginia State Bar) |
| **Part 2. Post Grant Activity** | |
| 1:15 – 1:30 | Patent Quality and Post-Grant Activities |
| 1:30 – 1:50 | Effect of Patent Quality in U.S. Courts |
| 1:50 – 2:45 | Panel Discussion with Judges: ***Patent Quality and Its Impact in the U.S.* Courts** |
| 2:45 – 2:55 | Break |
| **Part 3. International and Stakeholder Cooperation** | |
| 2:55 – 3:40 | Panel Discussion with International Stakeholders: ***International Quality Efforts*** |
| 3:40 – 3:45 | Break |
| 3:45 – 4:45 | Panel Discussion with Stakeholders: ***What can Applicants do to enhance Patent Quality?*** |
| **Closing Remarks** | |
| 4:45 – 5:00 | Next Steps of Enhancing Patent Quality |