

**UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

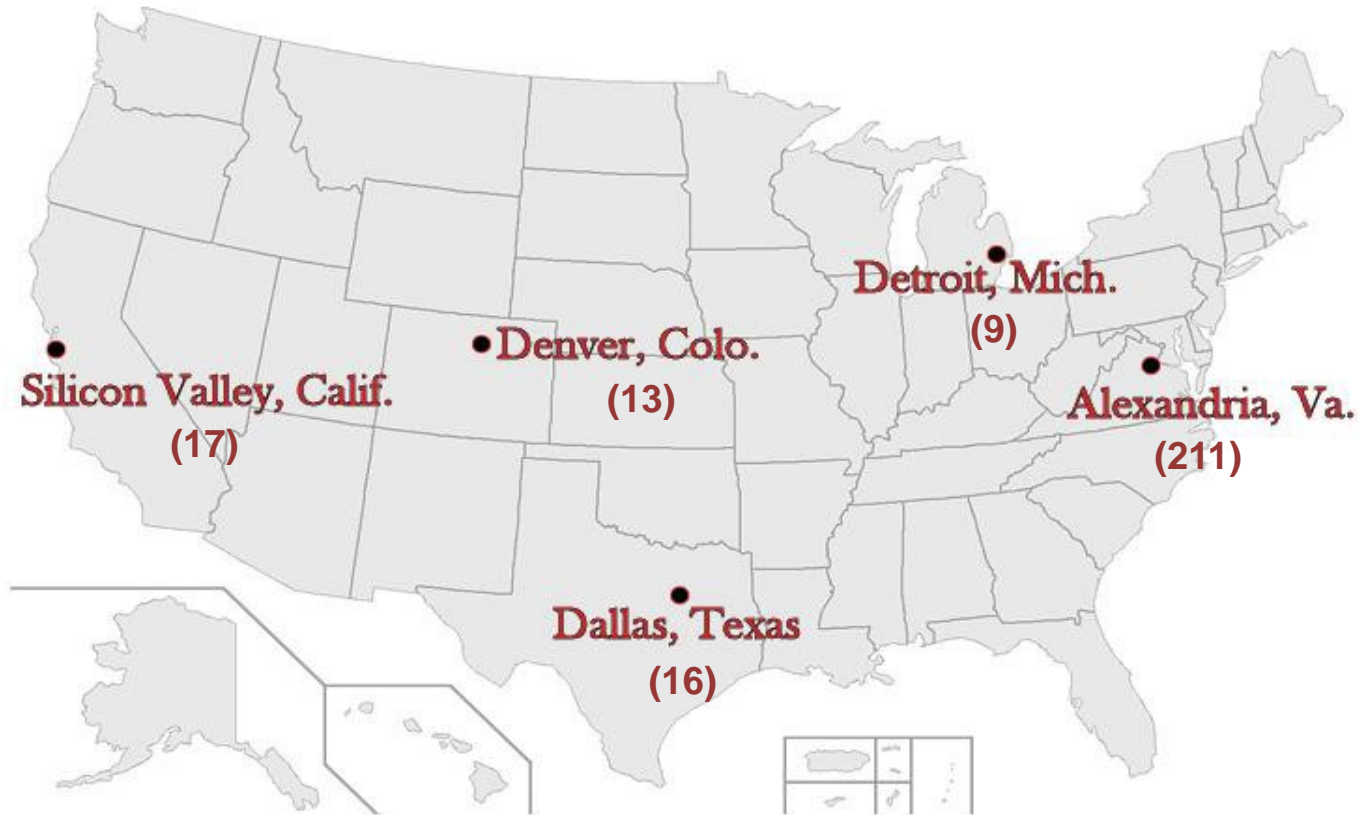


Composition of PTAB

The Board

- The Board is created by statute (35 U.S.C. § 6):
 - The Director, the Deputy Director, the Commissioner for Patents, the Commissioner for Trademarks, and the administrative patent judges shall constitute the Patent Trial and Appeal Board
- Original “board of disinterested persons” provided for in Patent Act of 1836
- Patent Act of 1861 formed the permanent Board of Appeals of “persons of competent legal knowledge and scientific ability”
 - President Lincoln appointed George Harding of Philadelphia as the first “Examiner-in-Chief”

Locations of PTAB judges



*Alexandria, Va. count includes judges who participate in TEAPP.

Types of PTAB proceedings

- **Type 1:** Review of examiner's work product
 - Appeals in *ex parte* patent applications
 - Appeals in reexamination proceedings and reissue applications
- **Type 2:** AIA trials
- **Type 3:** Interferences and derivations

