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| 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. | Welcome and opening remarks                                                   | Daniel Sullivan
                                                          | Director, TC1600, USPTO                                               |
|              |                                                                                | Gary Jones                                                             |
|              |                                                                                | Director, TC1600, USPTO                                               |
| 9:10 – 10:30 a.m. | Claim Construction and Doctrine of Equivalents – A review for the Patent Office | Henry C. Su
                                                          | Trial Lawyer and Partner, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP            |
| 10:30 – 10:40 a.m. | Break                                                                        |                                                                        |
| 10:40 – 11:40 a.m. | Statutory provisions governing patent infringement – A practical analysis    | Christopher J. Harnett
                                                          | Shareholder, Maynard, Cooper & Gale in NYC                             |
| 11:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Deferred subject matter eligibility response (DSMER) pilot program         | Daniel Kolker
                                                          | Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) TC1600, USPTO                       |
| 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.   | Lunch                                                                        |                                                                        |
| 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.    | Patent Quality Metrics                                                       | Kathleen Bragdon
                                                          | Quality Assurance Specialist (mQAS) OPQA, USPTO                        |
1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Providing explicit rationales in rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103
Lora Barnhart Driscoll
Quality Assurance Specialist (TQAS)
TC1600, USPTO

2:30 – 2:40 p.m. Break

2:40 – 3:10 p.m. Biological Sequence Searching
Christopher Babic
Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE)
TC1600, USPTO

3:10 – 4:40 p.m. A systematic approach to 35 U.S.C. 112(b)
Gary Benzion
Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE)
Bennett Celsa
Quality Assurance Specialist (TQAS)
Amjad Abraham
Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE)
Ashwin Mehta
Review Quality Assurance Specialist (RQAS)
TC1600 and OPQA, USPTO

4:40 – 5:00 p.m. Closing remarks
TC1600 Directors, USPTO