

Partnering in Patents & Software Partnership – Oct. 21st Agenda

8-9 AM USPTO Campus Tour (dependent on demand) – SPE Team

9-11 AM Focus Session [USPTO + AIPLA + Public](#)

Topic – Tools for Quality Enhancement

11-12 Lunch

12-4 PM Partnering in Patents Afternoon Session - Presenter Topics

Introductions - Russell Slifer, Deputy Under Secretary & Deputy Director - [USPTO](#)

USPTO Initiatives - [USPTO](#)

Office of International Patent Cooperation – Maria Holtmann, Director of International Programs, OIPC

Patent Pro Bono Program – William Grant Corboy III, Patent Pro Bono Program Administrator

Pro Se Assistance Art Unit – Darnell Jayne, Pro Se Art Unit SPE

PTO's 3rd Party Pre-Issuance Submission System – Jack Harvey, Dir. TC 2800

Satellite Office Update – Tim Callahan, Dir. TC 2400

35 U.S.C. §101 - [USPTO+AIPLA](#)

USPTO 101 Training Progress and Upcoming Action Plan for FY16 – Greg Vidovich, Director TC 3600 - [USPTO](#)

Patent Eligibility of Software Inventions - Marian Underweiser, Senior Counsel – IP Policy & Strategy, IBM - [AIPLA](#)

Break (10 min.)

Functional Language Panel - [USPTO+AIPLA](#)

Introductions - *Moderator* – [USPTO](#)

USPTO Functional Language Training Overview – Joseph Weiss, Senior Legal Advisor, OPLA – [USPTO](#)

Functional Claiming: software and electrical arts perspective – Sarah Knight, Talem IP Law - [AIPLA](#)

USPTO Training & Williamson: A Mechanical Perspective – Jack B. Hicks, Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice – [AIPLA](#)

Break (10 min.)

Enhanced Patent Quality Initiative Update and Panel Discussion - [USPTO](#)

Drew Hirshfeld, Commissioner for Patents

Valencia Martin Wallace, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Quality

Closing Remarks & Thanks - [USPTO](#)