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2024 PPAC Annual Report

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Patent Public Advisory Committee meeting



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Agenda

- Introduction (Lolita Darden)
- PACs 25th Anniversary (Olivia Tsai)
- Rulemaking activities (Olivia Tsai)
- Finance and conversation regarding sequestration (Suzanne Harrison and Eb Bright)
- Outreach (Lateef Mtima)
- Pendency and Quality (Heidi Nebel)
- Patent Trial and Appeal Board (Henry Hadad)
- FDA (Henry Hadad)
- Artificial Intelligence (Marvin Slepian)
- Information Technology Management (Charles Duan)

Introduction

Lolita Darden

PPAC Chair



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Introduction

- **PPAC Organizing Statute**
 - 35 U.S. Code § 5 - Patent and Trademark Office Public Advisory Committees
- **PPAC Organizing Statute**
 - (d) Each Advisory Committee shall—
 - (1) review the policies, goals, performance, budget, and user fees of the United States Patent and Trademark Office with respect to patents, in the case of the Patent Public Advisory Committee, and with respect to Trademarks, in the case of the Trademark Public Advisory Committee, and advise the Director on these matters;
 - (2) within 60 days after the end of each fiscal year—
 - (A) prepare an annual report on the matters referred to in paragraph (1);
 - (B) transmit the report to the Secretary of Commerce, the President, and the Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and the House of Representatives; and
 - (C) publish the report in the Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

