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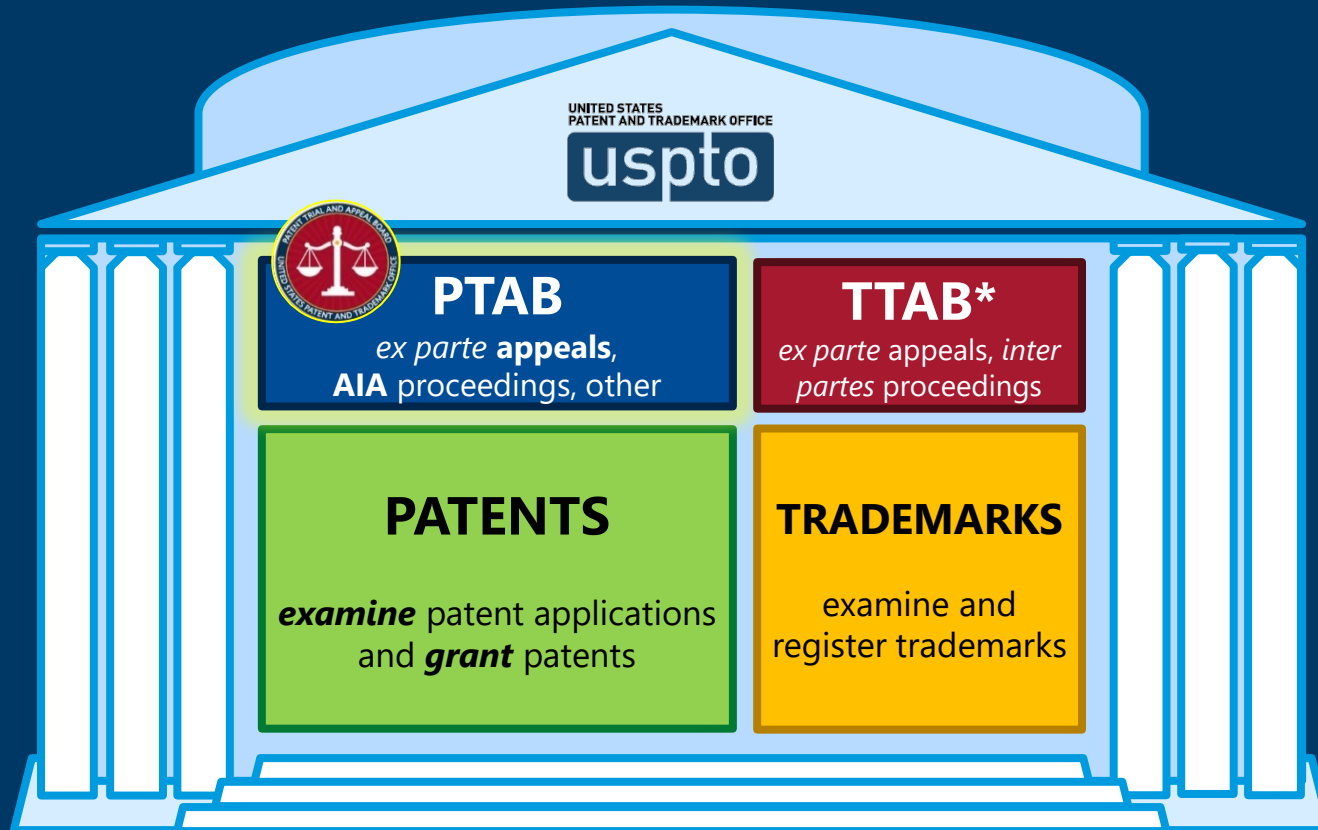
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What is the Patent Trial and Appeal Board?



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Erin Kryukova

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An interview with Stephen Yanchuk and Erin Kryukova

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Stephen Yanchuk
Erin Kryukova
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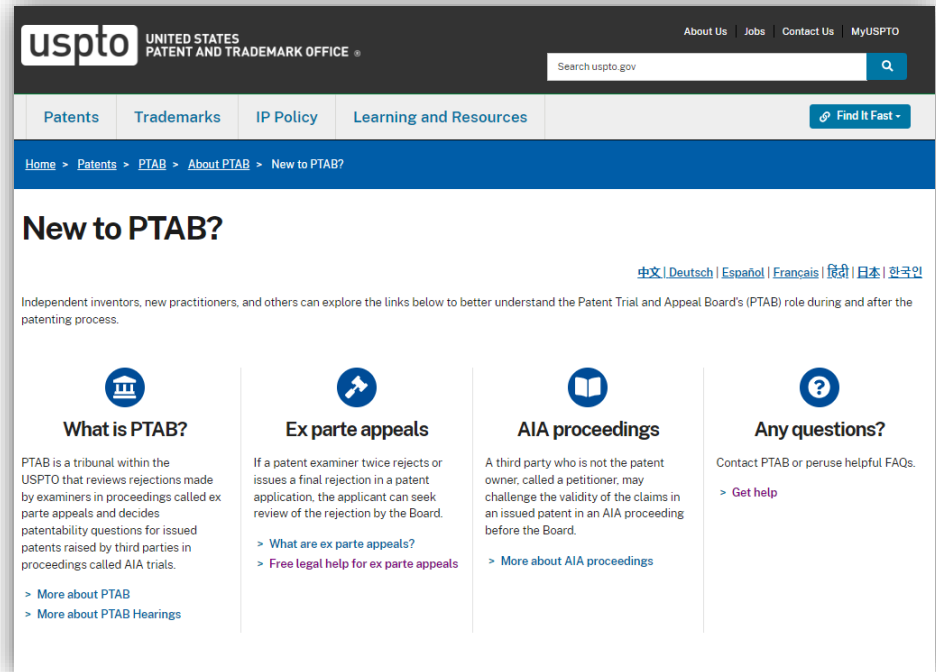
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***Ex Parte* Advocacy Byte:**

Five more things you should know



THE BIG IDEA:

**Lean into the
hard stuff**



TIP #1:

**Submit challenging prior art;
craft claims with it in mind.**



TIP #2:

**Address examiner's responses
to your arguments.**



TIP #3:

**Get on the record
why you are right.**



TIP #4:

**Make your best case
while being true to the record.**



TIP #5:

Make all your arguments in the Appeal Brief instead of “saving” them for the Reply Brief.

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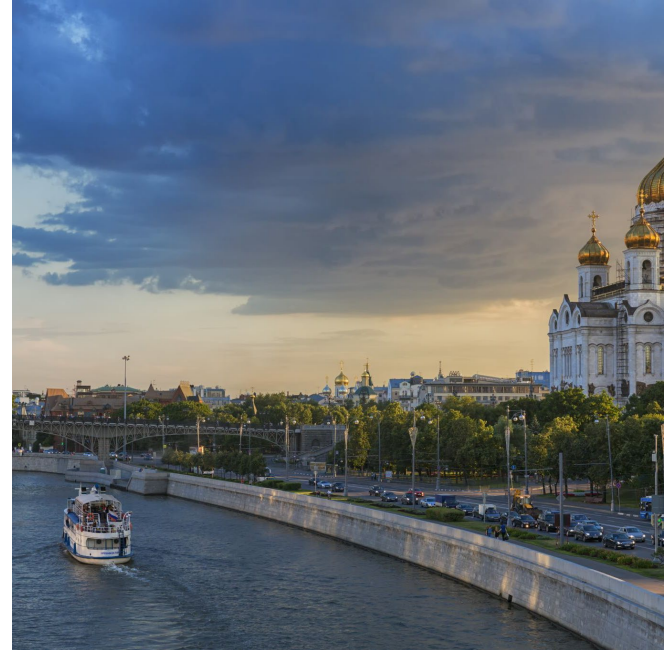


Invention Byte:

Who invented the steamboat? (episode 1)

Why steamboats?

- Desire to **sail against the wind and current**
 - Animal driven paddle wheels
 - Towed by humans and animals
- Rivers were **natural highways**



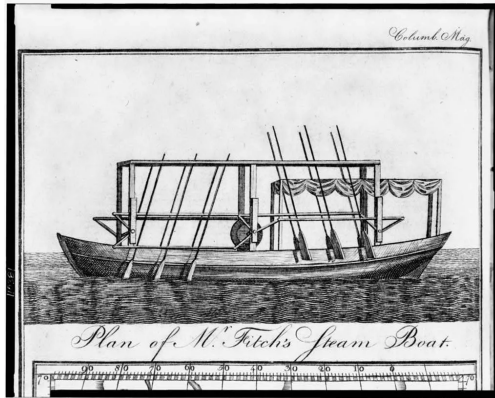
Possible inventors

John Fitch – played by APJ Cynthia Murphy

James Rumsey – played by APJ Carl Whitehead

Robert Fulton – played by LAPJ Kevin Turner

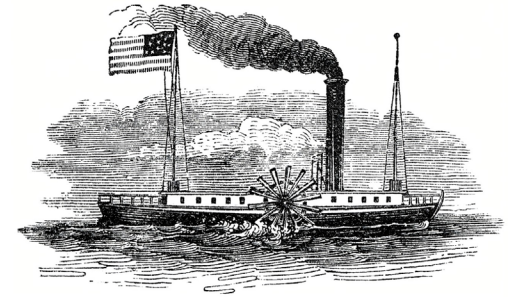
Discussion



John Fitch



James Rumsey



Robert Fulton

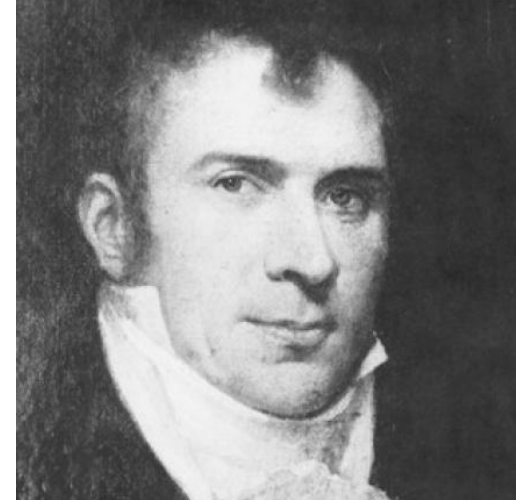
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