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RE: PTO-C-2011-0066 - Nationwide Workforce Program

Dear Director Kappos:

As Chair of the Intellectual Property Section of the Colorado Bar (“Colorado IP Section”), I write on behalf of the Colorado IP Section to respectfully request that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) select Denver as the location for its next satellite office.

The Colorado IP community is strong and vibrant, made up of many different constituencies that come together to promote innovation and economic progress in Colorado and nationwide. The Colorado IP Section offers monthly continuing education programs and has featured Robert Stoll, Sharon Barner, Lynn Beresford, former Chief Judge Paul Michel, Judge Robert K. Rogers from the International Trade Commission, Q. Todd Dickinson, and Marybeth Peters all within the last two years. In addition, in February, the IP Section will host the USPTO Road Show at the University of Denver Law School. We will also roll out the second nationwide site for the USPTO Pro Bono Initiative in the summer of 2012. The IP Section works closely with the IP Inn of Court, established by Judge Linn of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, that also features monthly educational opportunities, particularly geared at giving younger practitioners an opportunity to hone their legal skills. Each June, the IP Section co-sponsors the Rocky Mountain IP Institute that draws IP practitioners from across the country to participate both as speakers and attendees. And in October 2012, we will welcome the Federal Circuit to sit and hear argument in Denver. Last, but not least, we work closely with the two

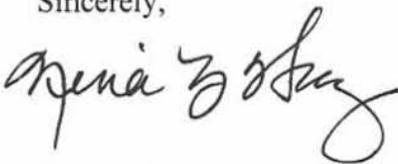
major law schools in the area, the University of Colorado School of Law and the University of Denver Law School, to develop young attorneys who will form the backbone of our future practice. These IP-focused opportunities are made possible by our 700+ members who are actively engaged in the practice of intellectual property law, including but not limited to those admitted to practice before the USPTO.

Denver is centrally located in the Rocky Mountain West, and from this well-situated vantage point, our members represent clients both in Colorado and nationwide. Many of our members relocated from other cities because Denver offers a unique cross-section of sophisticated professional practice and an outstanding quality of life. Our membership serves a diversity of clients, ranging from the solo inventor to large corporations to major universities. Our members are leaders in national IP organizations, such as the AIPLA, ABA, and Federal Bar Association. The range of perspectives from our members, and our clients, provides a richness to the fabric of our IP community and makes Colorado an ideal location for the second USPTO satellite office.

In Colorado, the USPTO will be able to draw upon a well-educated and experienced work force (from agents to attorneys to support personnel) to staff its satellite office. The IP practitioners here are well-versed in USPTO procedure and practice, which will assist the USPTO in offering streamlined and efficient examinations out of the satellite office. If Colorado is fortunate to be selected as one of the sites, the IP Section stands ready to form a committee of senior leaders in the Colorado patent community to work closely and liaise with the USPTO. Additionally, the IP Section membership will embrace a satellite office in various tangible and intangible ways, reflecting the same hard work and dedication that have grown the practice of IP law from a niche specialty to a significant practice supported by in-house counsel, solo practitioners, boutiques, and large firms.

Thank you for providing the Colorado IP Section with the opportunity to comment regarding the site of the next USPTO satellite office. We believe that Denver is the right choice for such an office, and we would be pleased to answer any further questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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Colorado Intellectual Property Section of the Colorado Bar Association

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