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USPTO-Combined Rocky Mountain Regional Office
TC2600 Customer Partnership Meeting
July 17, 2018 • 8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (MDT)

AGENDA

8:15 – 8:30 a.m.	Welcome to Denver
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Presentation (35 USC 112)
9:30 – 9:50 a.m.	Q & A
9:50 – 10:00 a.m.	Morning Break
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Presentation: (35 USC 101)
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 – 1:45 p.m.	Workshop
1:45 – 2:00 p.m.	Afternoon Break
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Panel discussion Q&A

CUSTOMER PARTNERSHIP MEETING PANELISTS

Molly Kocialski

Director | Rocky Mountain Regional United States Patent and Trademark Office



As the Director of the Rocky Mountain Regional United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), since January 2016, Mollybeth (Molly) Kocialski carries out the strategic direction of the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO, and is responsible for leading the Rocky Mountain regional office. Focusing on the nine states within this region and actively engaging with the community, Ms. Kocialski ensures the USPTO's initiatives and programs are tailored to the region's unique ecosystem of industries and stakeholders.

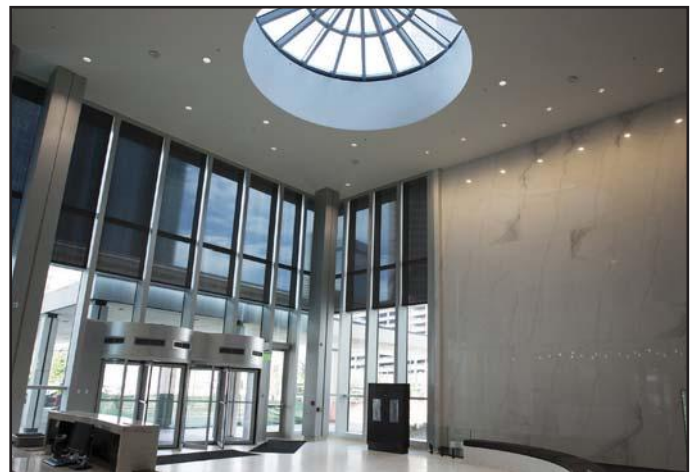
A recognized leader in the Rocky Mountain Region, Ms. Kocialski currently serves on the Colorado Federal Executive Board's Executive Committee, as the President of the Colorado Intellectual Property Inn of Court, and as a member of the Planning Committee for the annual Rocky Mountain Intellectual Property Institute.

John LeGuyader

Workgroups 2610 and 2660



John LeGuyader joined the USPTO in 1990 as a Patent Examiner in Biotechnology Group 180, and examined in the recombinant-DNA area. In 1999 he was selected as a Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) in Technology Center (TC)1600 in the molecular biology workgroup. John was detailed to the Office of the Commissioner for Patents in 2004 and served as the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner for Patents Resources and Planning in 2005. Prior to being selected as a TC 1600 Director in 2006, John was the Executive Assistant to the Commissioner for Patents. John has been a director in TC 2600 (Communications) since 2009. Over the course of his USPTO career, John has earned a variety of awards while working for the USPTO including a Department of Commerce (DOC) Silver Medal and three DOC Bronze Medals. John completed his BS in Biological Sciences and Master's degree in Ecology and Evolution at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Before working at the USPTO, John had been an instructor at Dowling College and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory on Long Island.



SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINERS - PRESENTERS

Pierre-Louis Desir: Art Unit 2659

Pierre-Louis currently serves as Supervisory Patent Examiner in Art Unit 2659, Linguistic, Speech Processing and Audio Compression. He also served as Operations POC, backup QPOC and 101-QEM lead for WG 2650. Pierre received his Engineering degrees, BSEE and MSEE, from Florida State University and Florida International University, respectively. He is also continuing his advanced education at Georgetown University. Pierre joined the USPTO in July 2004 and has examined patent applications in the wireless telecommunications area.

Devona Faulk: Art Unit 2616

Devona is currently the SPE of Art Unit 2616, and also serves as a Human Capital POC in WG 2610. She started her career at the USPTO as a patent examiner in 2003 examining in the audio processing area and became a primary examiner in 2009. She served as a SPE Trainer in the Patent Academy from August 2012- October 2014. She was selected for the SPE position in 2014. Before joining the USPTO, Devona earned a BS in EE from Norfolk State University and a MS in EE from North Carolina A&T State University. Devona currently resides in Accokeek, Maryland.

Davetta Goins: Art Unit 2655

Ms. Goins joined the USPTO as a patent examiner shortly after obtaining her Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from North Carolina A&T State University. She examined applications pertaining to vehicle & system alarms and selective communication until 2011, when she became a Supervisory Patent Examiner in the discipline of audio signals and digital audio data processing. In addition to managing a group of examiners, Ms. Goins supervised newly hired examiners at the Patent Training Academy in 2012, is currently lead of the Technology Center 2600's Work-Life committee and is a co-lead for one of the 'Patents Pride Team' initiative and assists with various committees such as the Strategic Leadership Forum for Patents Managers, and the Patents Technical Support Services (PTSS) Job Coach Program.

Dan Washburn: Art Unit 2657

Dan graduated from the University of Washington with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering in June 2005. A month later he started at the USPTO as a Patent Examiner in the computer graphics processing art. Dan became a Primary Examiner in December 2010 and was promoted to the position of Supervisory Patent Examiner in October 2012. He worked as a supervisor in the digital communication art for five years, and is currently a supervisor the speech signal processing and linguistics art.

