



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Delegation of Authority

Pursuant to my authority as Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, when I have a conflict in a proceeding involving a decision on institution, I delegate to the Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Deputy Director) the authority to determine whether to institute America Invents Act trial proceedings as outlined in the October 17, 2025 memorandum entitled "Director Institution of AIA Trial Proceedings." In the event the Deputy Director has a conflict in any such matters, those matters are delegated to Kalyan Deshpande to handle.

This delegation is effective immediately, supersedes any prior delegations concerning institution authority and any conflicting delegations set forth in the memo entitled "Procedures for Recusal to Avoid Conflicts of Interest and Delegations of Authority" that was issued on March 4, 2025, and remains in effect until revoked.

17 October 2025

Date

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Squires", is written over a horizontal line.

John A. Squires

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and
Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office