

**TC 3600 & 3700 Customer Partnership Meeting**

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**Clara Barton Auditorium – November 13, 2024**

**How to be a Better Partner: Towards Better Examiner-Practitioner Interactions for High Quality Patents**

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**Agenda**

**8:30 a.m. Coffee and light breakfast**

**8:45 a.m. Opening Remarks and Welcome**

**Kathi Vidal** Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of

*(via recorded video)* the United States Patent and Trademark Office

**Alex Beck**  Director, Technology Center 3700

**John Fristoe**  Director, Technology Center 3600

**9:15 a.m. Artificial Intelligence - Subject Matter Eligibility Under 35 § U.S.C. 101**

**Brannon Smith** LegalAdvisor, USPTO (Material & Training for 2024 AI Subject Matter Eligibility Update)

**Frank Gerratana** Member, Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.

**10:15 a.m.**  **Break**

**10:30 a.m.**  **Update on USPTO Artificial Intelligence-Based Search Capabilities**

**Jonathan Horner** Supervisory Patent IT Specialist, USPTO

**11:00 a.m. Panel: Drafting Better Quality Specifications – Avoiding 35 § U.S.C. 112 Issues**

Moderator: **Joanne Parrill** Sr. IP Counsel, ZOLL Medical Corporation

Panelists: **Peter Nolan** USPTO Supervisory Patent Examiner, TC 3600 **Carl Layno** USPTO Supervisory Patent Examiner, TC 3700

**Steve Saunders** Partner, Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP

**Julia Mathis** Sr. IP Counsel, Hologic Inc.

**Christina McDonough** Principal, Fish & Richardson P.C.

**12:00 p.m.** **Lunch**

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**1:00 p.m. Fireside chat with Commissioner Vaishali Udupa**

Host: **Lisa Adams** Member, Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.

**2:00 p.m. Recent Court Decisions**

**Fahd Patel** Associate Solicitor, USPTO

**2:45 p.m.** **Break**

**3:00 p.m. Panel: Examiner Interviews – Collaborative v Adversarial?**

Moderator: **Alex Roan** Associate, Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.

Panelists: **Tara Schimpf** USPTO Supervisory Patent Examiner, TC 3600 **Steve McAllister** USPTO Supervisory Patent Examiner,TC 3700

**Robert Skrivanek** Partner, Lando & Anastasi, LLP

**Mitch Weinstein** Partner, Levenfeld Pearlstein, LLC

**4 p.m. Industry presentation: Stanley Black & Decker**

**Mark Schildkraut** Chief IP Counsel, Stanley Black & Decker

**Mike Varipatis** Chief Engineer – Battery Pack

**Bhanu Gorti** Vice President, Electrification & Advanced Technology

**4:45 p.m. Closing remarks & Adjourn**