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**Subject: Congratulations**

Dear Deputy Director Stewart,

The National Association of Patent Practitioners (NAPP) writes to express our congratulations to you on your appointment as Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). NAPP and its members look forward to your leadership at the USPTO.

Founded in 1996, NAPP is a nonprofit trade association composed of hundreds of patent practitioners throughout the United States and worldwide. Most of our members are patent attorneys and agents, and many are solo practitioners or practice in small firms. NAPP's primary purpose is to represent member and stakeholder interests by fostering professionalism in the patent practitioner community, enhancing the day-to-day practice of practitioners, and aiding patent agents and patent attorneys in staying current in matters relating to practice before the USPTO and foreign jurisdictions.

NAPP regularly advocates for a strong patent system before the USPTO, Congress, and the Courts. As daily users of the USPTO systems and procedures, NAPP frequently works with USPTO management to ensure efficient and superior patent practice.

NAPP offers its support and looks forward to working with you and your office. Representatives from the NAPP Board of Directors would be pleased to attend an in-person stakeholder meeting with you to share NAPP's perspective on critical issues impacting patent practitioners. NAPP also formally invites you to attend NAPP's Annual Meeting and Conference on July 23-25, 2025 in Washington, DC.



Please contact us at either 919-230-9635 or [NAPP@NAPP.org](mailto:NAPP@NAPP.org) if there is any additional information we can provide or if you have any questions for us. We appreciate your attention to this letter and our work representing the interests of patent practitioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Baker, Jr.", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Richard A. Baker, Jr., President  
National Association of Patent Practitioners