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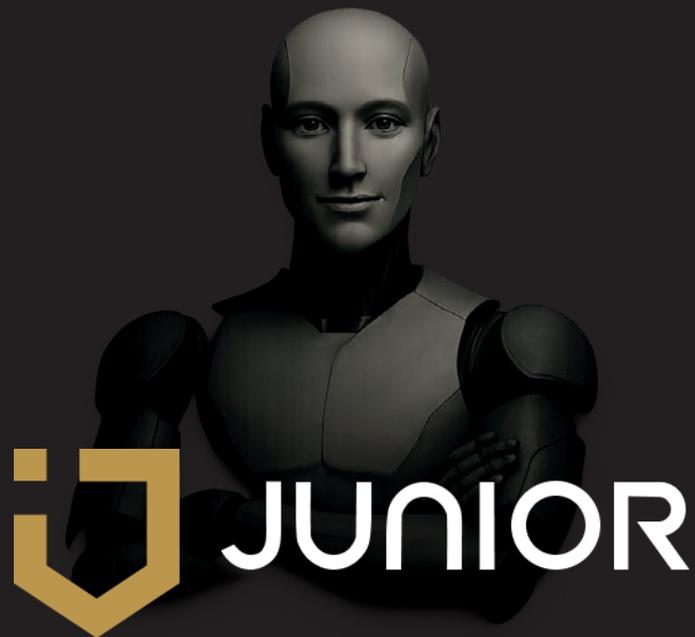


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# Message from the President



Richard Baker  
President

Welcome to the 2025 NAPP Annual Meeting and Conference. We are thrilled that you have come to join us in Washington, DC, at the campus of the American University College of Law, for three days of networking, learning, and sharing the art of patent practice. We are very thankful to the University for sharing their facilities with us.

I also want to thank the NAPP Annual Meeting Committee, headed by Kirby Drake, for inviting a stellar cast of speakers and instructors. They have created an outstanding program and brought a growing group of sponsors and exhibitors to Washington. You will find their tools and offerings helpful to your practice.

NAPP is growing, and we are happy to have you here to grow with us. The NAPP AMC program is designed to move each of us to a new level in our craft. This year's NAPP AMC program features the Nuts-and-Bolts of Claim Drafting program, designed to help all levels of patent practitioners improve their game.

As our exhibitors have grown, so has our list of vendors providing discounts for patent practice tools. See "Discounts" under the "Benefits" section of the NAPP webpage.

NAPP is built on volunteers, and I want to thank every one of you for your help, whether it is posting on the Forum, evaluating products for our partnership programs, drafting advocacy letters, mentoring, or serving on NAPP committees. As a growing organization, each NAPP volunteer has an oversized impact on the patent profession, and I want to invite every member to join a NAPP committee. You can make a big difference.

NAPP is also improving our profession through our advocacy program, filing Amicus Briefs, and advocating for our profession in Congress and in the USPTO. We are growing our relationships with key members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the USPTO Management team. Please stop by and say hi to me and the NAPP Board members during your time in DC. We want to be part of your network as it grows through your NAPP membership.

Rich Baker

# Conference Events & Social Activities

## Cocktail Reception and Dinner

**Wednesday, July 23, 2025 5:15 pm**  
**American University Washington College of Law**

Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Patents. Join us for a lively evening of networking, sponsor meet-and-greets, and a fun-filled trivia game with prizes—all while enjoying an excellent dinner.

Feature Presentation: Fireside chat with Peter-Anthony Pappas, Director of IP Policy, U.S. Judiciary Committee (Senator Thom Tillis) and Moderator: Dan Smith, Patent and Licensing Strategist at Lenovo/Motorola

- 6:00 pm Buffet open
- 6:15 pm Welcome from Kirby Drake, Conference Planning Chair
- 6:20 pm Junior sponsor presentation
- 6:35 – 6:45 pm Enjoy dinner
- 6:45 pm Dan Smith and Peter-Anthony Pappas Fireside Chat
- 7:15 pm Questions from audience
- 7:30 pm Trivia answers
- 7:30-8:00 pm Network and socialize

## Happy Hour Reception

**Thursday, July 24, 2025 5:30 pm**  
**American University Washington College of Law Atrium**

Join us for a dynamic evening of networking, delicious heavy hors d'oeuvres, and great conversation in a unique and vibrant venue. This is the perfect chance to connect with fellow professionals in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere at the AU Law Atrium. This event is included in your registration fee.

## Sunset Sightseeing Cruise

**Thursday, July 24, 2025 8:00 pm**  
**(meet in the hotel lobby at 7:15pm)**

Watch the sun set as you discover the most spectacular views of Washington, DC from the Potomac River. Cruises are approximately 45 minutes. Restrooms on-board.

Enjoy the Refreshment Bar (additional charge): Spirits, Beer, Wine, Sodas, and Snacks.

### Sites Seen:

Kennedy Center, Key Bridge, Memorial Bridge, Roosevelt Island, Washington Monument, LBJ Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, US Capitol, The Watergate, Lincoln Memorial, Maritime Memorial, Custis-Lee Mansion (Arlington House).

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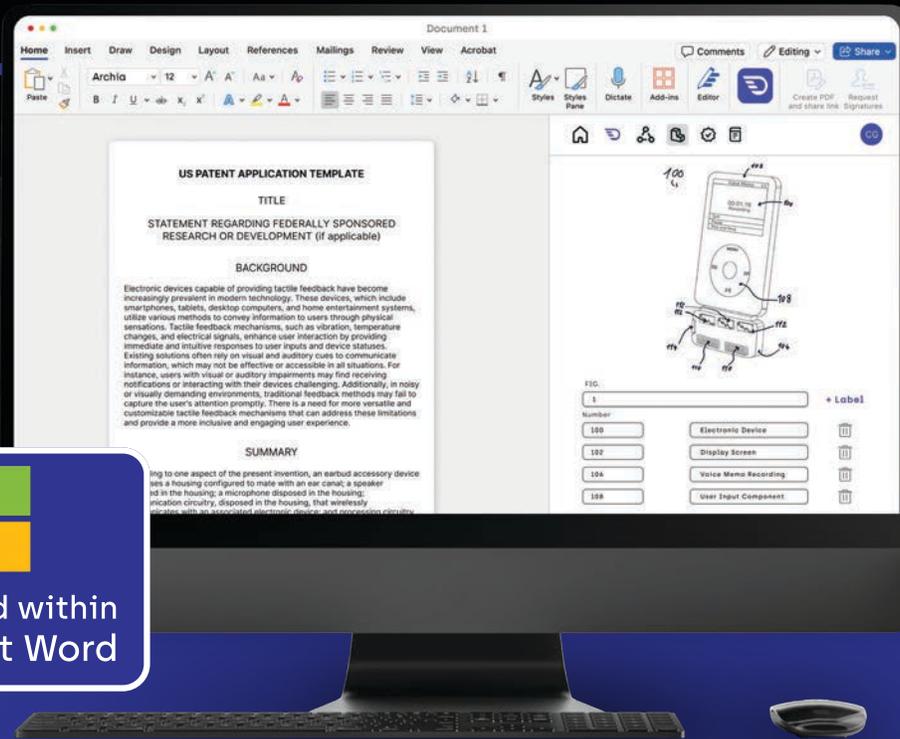


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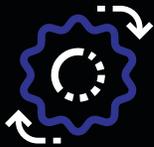
  
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# Schedule at a Glance

**Wednesday, July 23, 2025**

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**Location:** American University Washington College of Law, Grossman Hall

Time	Event
7:00 AM	Registration Open
8:00 AM	<b>Nuts &amp; Bolts Session*</b> – Claim Drafting Workshop David Boundy   Pierson Ferdinand PLLC David Grossman   Senior Director of Technology Transfer and Industry Collaboration at George Mason University David Ladner   Ladner Patent Management LLC
8:00 AM	Exhibitor Set-up
11:30 AM	Lunch and Exhibitors Open (all guests welcome)
12:30 PM	Conference Begins
12:30-1:15 PM	<b>Passport to Patents: Powering Through the PCT</b> Megan M. Miller and Jay A. Erstling   Associate Attorney Lathrop GMP LLP, Professor Emeritus at Mitchell Hamline School of Law
1:15-2:00 PM	<b>A Series of Historical Accidents: Development of American Patent Remedies</b> Chris Storm   IP Legal Director at Uber Technologies, Inc.
2:00-2:15 PM	Break
2:15-3:00 PM	<b>Reasonable Royalties &amp; Prosecution: How Patent Drafting Can Affect Damages</b> Jeff Saltman   Partner at Cole Schotz LLP
3:00-3:30 PM	<b>Ethics of Overflow Work</b> Dan Krueger   Partner at Ramey LLP
3:30-3:45 PM	Break
3:45-4:15 PM	<b>Patent Litigation Funding</b> Phillip Goter   Partner at Barnes & Thornburg
4:15-5:15 PM	<b>Traps, Gaps and Mishaps: IP Cautionary Case Tales &amp; The Lessons Learned</b> Emil Ali   Partner at McCabe & Ali, LLP
5:15 PM	Cocktail Reception/Visit with Sponsors
6:00 PM	Dinner- "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Patents" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:00 PM – Buffet Open</li> <li>6:15 PM – Welcome from Kirby Drake, Conference Planning Chair</li> <li>6:45 PM – Fireside chat with Peter-Anthony Pappas, Director of IP Policy, U.S. Judiciary Committee (Senator Thom Tillis) Moderator: Dan Smith, Patent and Licensing Strategist at Lenovo/ Motorola</li> </ul>

# Thursday, July 24, 2025

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**Location:** American University Washington College of Law, Grossman Hall

Time	Event
7:00 AM	Registration Open/Breakfast on your own
8:45-9:30 AM	<b>Expert Opinion Declarations in Patent Practice: Benefits and Pitfalls</b> Jennifer Bales   Partner, Macheledt Bales LLP
9:30-10:00 AM	<b>AI and Patent Prosecution</b> Nalini Mummalaneni   Senior Legal Advisor in the Office of Patent Legal Administration (OPLA) at the USPTO
10:00-10:15 AM	Break
10:15-11:00 AM	<b>Patenting from In House</b> Greg Kavounas   Principal at Kavounas Patent Law Firm, PLLC
11:00-11:30 AM	<b>All Things Revival</b> Mike Locklar   Principal at Ewing & Jones
11:30 AM-12:00 PM	Lunch
12:00-1:00 PM	NAPP Annual Meeting and Committee Chair Roundtables
1:00-1:30 PM	<b>It's Like Having Two of Me: Thank You, Qthena!</b> Kevin Bronson   Patent Attorney Colson Law Group
1:30-2:00 PM	<b>Research &amp; Development Tax Credits and Patent Box: The Tax Incentive Benefits No One Seems to Know or Talk About</b> James D. Bennett   Consultant at InovativSolutions
2:00-2:45 PM	<b>Drive to Survive: Prosecution Practices that Drive Value for Clients</b> Sarah Foley   Founder of Foley IP Law, PLLC
2:45-3:15 PM	<b>Zen and the Art of IP Law</b> Ed Ergenzinger   Founder, Ergenzinger IP Law
3:15-3:30 PM	Break
3:30-4:15 PM	<b>OED Ethics Update</b> Will Covey   USPTO
4:15-5:15 PM	<b>USPTO Powers after Loper Bright</b> Saurabh Vishnubhakat   Professor of Law and Director of the Intellectual Property & Information Law Program at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
5:15-6:15 PM	Happy Hour Reception at American University Law Atrium
6:30 PM	Dinner on your own
7:15 PM	Meet in the lobby of the Embassy Suites to uber to Capitol River Cruises
8:00 PM	Sunset Sightseeing River Tours (Optional) Location: Capitol River Cruises – Washington Harbour Georgetown

# Schedule at a Glance

**Friday, July 25, 2025**

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**Location:** American University Washington College of Law, Grossman Hall

Time	Event
7:00 AM	Registration Open/Breakfast on your own
8:30-9:30 AM	<b>How PTAB Judges View Your Patents: Insights Every Prosecutor Needs to Know</b> Kit Crumbley   Partner, Bracewell
9:30-10:00 AM	<b>Heard around the NAPP Forum</b> Tom Bassolino   Founder of Bass Patent Law, LLC
10:00-10:15 AM	Break
10:15-11:00 AM	<b>Patent Assignments</b> David Boundy   Partner at Pierson Ferdinand LLP
11:00-11:30 AM	<b>Innovation Without Barriers: Creating an Accessible Patent System</b> Tiffany Johnson   IP Legal Director, Boston Scientific Corporation
11:30 AM-12:15 PM	<b>What Every Patent Prosecutor Should Know About PTAB Trials (IPRs &amp; PGRs)</b> Justin Krieger   Managing Partner, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP
12:15 PM	Conference Concludes

- Nuts & Bolts program, pre-registration required
- 13.75 hours of CLE credit available/1.75 of ethics. An additional 3 hours for those who participated in the Nuts & Bolts session. Guests will need to fill out an online post-event survey to confirm CLE credits



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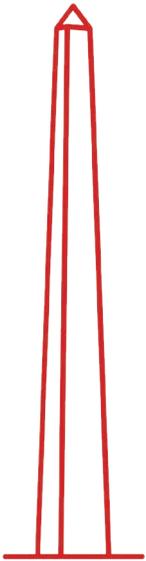
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# Conference Speakers



Emil J. Ali is a partner at McCabe & Ali, LLP where he focuses his practice on helping lawyers understand their obligations under state and federal law. As a registered patent attorney, a significant focus of his practice involves advising lawyers and law firms on all aspects of the intersection of IP and ethics matters.

Emil's work includes counseling clients on lateral transitions, malpractice avoidance, expert opinion and testimony, and respondent's defense work before various bars and courts. You can view his musings on IP ethics issues at [www.ipethicslaw.com](http://www.ipethicslaw.com).



Jennifer Bales was employed as an engineer with Hughes Aircraft Company prior to law school at the University of Colorado.

While at Hughes, Jennifer developed systems for digital signal processing, image processing and radar, while attaining a master's degree in optics from University of Southern California.

Jennifer has extensive experience obtaining and enforcing patents in the fields of signal processing, optics, optoelectronics, radar, and lidar. She is currently a partner in the intellectual property firm Macheledt Bales LLP.



Tom Bassolino is a U.S. patent attorney with over 17 years of experience, and the founder of Bass Patent Law, LLC—a firm based in Frederick, Maryland that provides a broad range of patent-related services across a variety of technologies.

Tom's practice includes drafting, filing, and prosecuting U.S., PCT, national stage, and international patent applications, as well as other patent-related services, including global patent portfolio management and due diligence, and the preparation of noninfringement, invalidity, patentability, and freedom-to-operate opinions.

Prior to practicing patent law, Tom worked as a mechanical engineer in New York City, eventually attending law school at night before starting his legal career in "biglaw."



James D. Bennett, II is a Patent Agent/Engineer Consultant in Pearland, Texas that provides engineer consultation on legal and technical matters and tax and patent law.

He provides expert witness testimony services, patent prosecution, technology licensing, IP portfolio management and R&D analysis services for accounting firms, law firms, the individual inventor, universities and small to mid-size businesses.

David Boundy  
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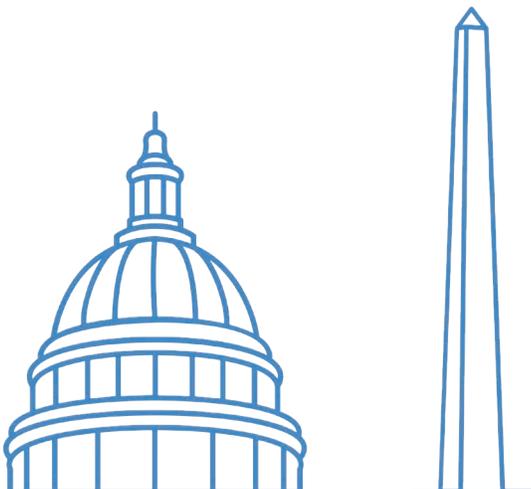


David Boundy is a partner at Pierson Ferdinand LLP. Mr. Boundy practices at the intersection of patent and administrative law, and consults with other firms on court and administrative agency proceedings, including PTAB trials and appeals.

In 2007–09, Mr. Boundy led teams that successfully urged the Office of Management and Budget to withhold approval of the USPTO's continuations, 5/25 claims, information disclosure statements, and appeal regulations under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

In 2018, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit asked Mr. Boundy to lead a panel of eminent administrative law academics and the President's chief regulatory oversight officer in a program at the court's Judicial Conference on administrative law issues. Judge Plager recommended Mr. Boundy's article, David E. Boundy, The PTAB is Not an Article III Court, Part 1: A Primer on Federal Agency Rulemaking, 10 *Landslide* (Amer. Bar Assn.) 9-13, 51-57 (Nov.-Dec. 2017), to the patent bar.

Another recent article, David Boundy, The PTAB is Not an Article III Court, Part 3: Precedential and Informative Opinions, 47 *AIPLA Q.J.* 1 (2019) explains the role of sub-regulatory guidance. Mr. Boundy is recognized as one of the IAM Worldwide Strategy 300 and 300 Global Leaders.



Kevin Bronson  
Patent Attorney  
Colson Law Group



Kevin Bronson is a registered patent attorney with a B.S. in Biology from St. John Fisher College and a J.D. from the University at Buffalo School of Law. With a secondary technical background in robotics and a talent for both technical writing and illustration, Kevin offers comprehensive patent services—from drafting original applications to successfully prosecuting complex reissue matters. His practice also includes licensing work with universities and interfacing with federal programs for project funding. A former college lacrosse player, Kevin is also a proud husband and father, bringing the same discipline and commitment from the field to every client engagement. He loves the Buffalo Bills and a sunny day on the course.

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Acting Deputy Under Secretary of  
Commerce for IP and Acting  
Deputy Director of the USPTO



**Kit Crumbley**  
Intellectual Property  
Litigation Partner  
Bracewell, LLP

Will Covey is the Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Acting Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). He serves as the principal advisor to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO, advising the Director and carrying out the agency's policies, priorities, and programs.

Most recently, Mr. Covey was the Chief Advisor to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO. He supported the Office of the Under Secretary and the USPTO on a wide variety of policy and operational matters.

Previously, Mr. Covey served as the Deputy General Counsel and Director for the Office of Enrollment and Discipline (OED) at the USPTO. Mr. Covey was responsible for ensuring that the nation's patent attorneys and agents are of good moral character and sufficiently knowledgeable to practice before the USPTO.

Mr. Covey's team of attorneys and other professionals developed and administered a registration examination designed to measure an applicant's knowledge of patent law and practice. Successful applicants were registered to practice by OED. In addition, OED investigated complaints of unethical conduct made against individuals practicing patent or trademark law before the USPTO.

Kit Crumbley is an intellectual property litigation partner with the Austin office of Bracewell, with a particular focus on post-grant validity challenges at the PTAB and the appeals of those proceedings.

From 2012 to 2023, Kit served as an Administrative Patent Judge, including nearly seven years in PTAB leadership as a Lead Administrative Patent Judge. During his 11-year tenure with PTAB, he participated in more than 400 panels deciding the outcome of AIA petitions and ex parte appeals, and he personally authored over 100 decisions on institution and more than 70 final written decisions.

He also frequently advised agency leadership and was deeply involved in significant PTAB and agency reform efforts, including PTAB's Consolidated Trial Practice Guide, rulemaking on motions to amend and decision-making procedures.

Prior to being appointed to PTAB, Kit served for nearly a decade as a trial attorney with the Intellectual Property Section of the Department of Justice's Civil Division, defending the government in patent litigation suits before the US Court of Federal Claims and appeals before the Federal Circuit.

He is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law and earned degrees in Chemistry and Political Science from Rice University.





Ed Ergenzinger, JD, PhD, is a patent attorney and mental health advocate with 25 years of experience in the practice of patent law. His interest in mental health issues stems from his doctoral training in neuroscience and his personal experience living with bipolar I disorder, an anxiety disorder, and complex PTSD.

He has a solo practice and also serves as senior counsel to boutique firms in Washington D.C. and New York City. Ed is also an adjunct professor at Wake Forest Law where he developed and teaches the upper-level seminar: Mental Health and the Legal Profession.



Jay's career spanned law practice, teaching, and international service. He served as expert witness, consultant, and advisor in litigation involving the PCT, Paris Convention, and other treaties before US, foreign, and international tribunals. Earlier, Jay was Director of the Office of the PCT at WIPO in Geneva, Switzerland, where he was responsible for reforming the PCT legal framework and expanding the PCT system.

Jay continues to share his perspectives on international IP as a Professor Emeritus at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, and a visiting professor at the Vytautas Magnus University Faculty of Law in Lithuania and the KDI Graduate School of Public Policy and Management in Korea.

He co-authored The Practitioner's Guide to the PCT (first edition with Sam Helfgott and Dave Reed; revised edition with Megan Miller), published by the ABA, and he is a frequent speaker on issues in international IP policy.



Sarah Foley is a registered U.S. patent attorney with over 18 years of experience counseling clients in all areas of intellectual property law.

Over the course of her career, Ms. Foley has helped clients protect innovation in areas such as mobile device software and hardware, IoT and connected systems, image and natural language processing, network architecture, virtual and augmented reality, AI and computer learning, aerospace, aeronautics, robotics, autonomous vehicle systems, machinery, automotive and mechanical technologies.

In 2023 she founded Foley IP Law, PLLC, a boutique Intellectual Property Law firm, and now manages an experienced team of IP professionals serving clients around the world.



Phillip advises entrepreneurs on innovation with an eye toward commercialization and monetization of their intellectual property. While he has litigated cases for and against patent owners, he most often represents patent owners and frequently on a contingent or funded basis.

Having worked for one of the world's largest litigation funders, he is very familiar with the funding market and requirements of a strong funding opportunity.

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## David Grossman

Senior Director of Technology Transfer and Industry Collaboration at George Mason University

David Grossman is a seasoned leader in innovation and intellectual property, currently serving as the Senior Director of Technology Transfer and Industry Collaboration at George Mason University. With a unique background spanning law, engineering, entrepreneurship, and education, David has successfully bridged the gap between academic research and industry impact.

He has prosecuted and monetized hundreds of patents—many to major multinational corporations—and has played key roles in several successful startups and nonprofit ventures. David also supervises pro bono patent cases at the Glushko-Samuelson Intellectual Property Law Clinic at American University.

Previously, he was Vice President of Intellectual Property at Ofinno LLC and an Adjunct Professor of Law at George Mason's Antonin Scalia Law School. He has served as President of the National Association of Patent Practitioners and as Research Editor for The Journal of the Association of University Technology Managers.

Earlier in his career, David led avionics and software development for rocket and satellite programs, including NASA's X-34 rocket plane, and even designed toys for Fisher-Price. He holds a J.D., magna cum laude, from American University Washington College of Law, and a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Penn State.



## Tiffany Johnson

Legal Director, Intellectual Property, Boston Scientific Corporation (BSC)

Tiffany Johnson is the IP Legal Director at Boston Scientific Corporation (BSC), where she supports the Neuromodulation Division. Before joining BSC, she was a Patent Attorney at The Estée Lauder Companies in New York. Prior to going in-house, Tiffany was an associate at IP boutique firms and an examiner at the USPTO. Tiffany earned her law degree from Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law and holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University.



## Greg Kavounas

Principal, Kavounas Patent Law Firm, PLLC

Greg Kavounas has been a patent attorney for over 30 years, of which 10 were in various in-house positions, defining the patenting of an operating company. He has authored the book Patent Ready, and has published articles in the industry about how to patent more robustly and how company management should think about patenting.



## Justin Krieger

Partner, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP

Justin Krieger serves as the Managing Partner for Kilpatrick's Denver Office. He is a first chair IPR litigator with an over 90% win rate representing both petitioners and patent owners. Mr. Krieger also serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, where he teaches a course of PTAB litigation. Justin is a frequent speaker on PTAB practice and was named "People's Choice" Best IP Litigator in 2021 and 2024 by Law Week Colorado.





With his doctoral degree in Electrical Engineering, Dan is able to perform in even the most complex areas of technology. He has earned the respect and loyalty of clients in many fields including computer architecture, software engineering, digital communications, coding, seismic data processing, oil field drilling technology and well logging.

Dan is highly skilled in patent prosecution, opinion work, litigation support and "design-around" assistance. Dan also performs due-diligence and freedom-to-operate searches and assists his clients in developing strategic patent portfolios.



David W. Ladner earned his B.S. in Chemistry from The Pennsylvania State University and a Ph.D. in Synthetic Organic Chemistry from the University of Georgia, where he worked under the direction of Professor Richard K. Hill.

Following two postdoctoral research associate positions, first at the University of Washington with Dr. Niels Andersen and then at Syntex, S.A. with Dr. Joseph Muchowski, Dr. Ladner became a Research Chemist with American Cyanamid in Princeton, NJ.

He designed, carried out and directed the synthesis of organic compounds useful for crop protection and is himself a named inventor on more than 20 U.S. patents. At Cyanamid he served as Group Leader, Senior Group Leader and a Research Manager in the Herbicide Discovery Section and was awarded the Cyanamid Scientific Achievement Award for his role in designing potent, selective, and short residual herbicides.

Dr. Ladner became a Registered Patent Agent in 2000 and was appointed as the Patent Liaison in Chemical Research for Bayer Pharmaceuticals in West Haven, CT. He was responsible for drafting and assembling patent applications covering compounds useful in the treatment of Cancer, Diabetes, Obesity and Osteoporosis. During that time, he also earned an M.B.A. in Pharmaceutical Management from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Following positions as the in-house Manager of Intellectual property at a number of small pharmaceutical and diagnostic companies, Dr. Ladner established Ladner Patent Management LLC in 2009, where he continues to provide services to individual inventors and smaller startup Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology companies. His practice includes acting as a virtual in-house patent manager and preparing and prosecuting new patent applications.



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Michael Locklar

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Michael G. "Mike" Locklar represents clients in a variety of fields, including chemicals, oil & gas, software, computers and computer hardware, electronics, consumer products, and medical devices.

In his 23 years of IP practice, Mike's practice has included litigation, prosecution, and transactional work.

Megan M. Miller

Associate Attorney  
Lathrop's Intellectual Property  
Practice Group



Megan Miller is an attorney in Lathrop's Intellectual Property practice group, where she helps clients navigate the full spectrum of IP and privacy law with a focus on strategic protection and growth. Her practice spans patents, trademarks, technology transactions, and data privacy across diverse industries including AI, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and consumer products.

Megan brings a unique perspective to her legal work, having started her career as an IP paralegal, which gives her a practical, business-minded approach to advising clients. A cum laude graduate of Mitchell Hamline School of Law,

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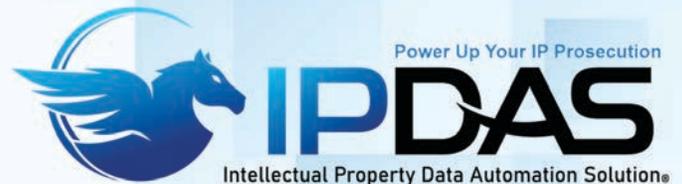
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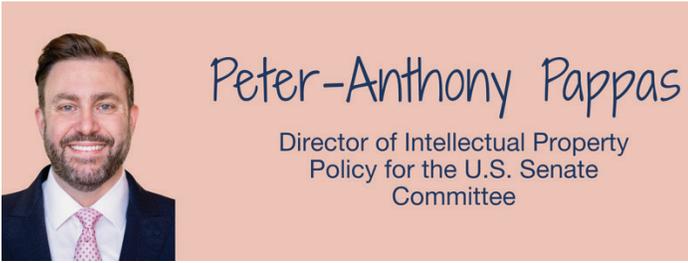
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