

FW: David Ruschke to become Senior Advisor to Patents

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Director's Message
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From: Director Andrei Iancu

Dear colleagues,

During the initial months of my tenure as director of the USPTO, I've met with many of our stakeholders. After listening to their feedback, I've identified several opportunities to optimize our organization. In the spirit of speaking with one voice as an agency, a clear area for improvement is enhancing internal coordination between the Office of the Commissioner for Patents and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB).

While the PTAB and Patents have worked closely together to provide high-quality patent services, establishing a more direct channel between the business units will improve the free flow of information. To that end, I am announcing today that Chief Administrative Patent Judge David P. Ruschke has graciously accepted the position of Senior Advisor to Patents, a new role in our Patents organization that will work closely with PTAB.

David has served as Chief Judge for the PTAB since 2016 and has practical law firm, judiciary, and corporate experience in all areas of intellectual property law. This breadth of experience means he is well-positioned to address the concerns of our stakeholders, patent examiners, and PTAB judges. I look forward to working with David to improve intra-agency cooperation.

The PTAB is a critically important part of the USPTO, and we will work promptly and diligently to find a new leader. In the meantime, Scott Boalick will serve as Acting Chief Administrative Patent Judge and Jacqueline Bonilla will serve as Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Patent Judge. I am confident that Scott and Jacqueline will serve the Board and Agency well in these roles.

These changes will become effective September 2, 2018. David's appointment to his new role is one development I believe will help our office provide and sustain a reliable patent system.

Best,



Andrei Iancu
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