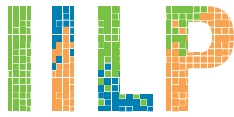


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185 West Broadway, Auditorium

The Institute for Information Law & Policy and Center for Patent Innovations are pleased to welcome David Kappos, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), for a unique presentation on the future of the patent office, as well as the issues it currently faces—including patent quality, long waiting times for patent examination, and a 770,000 patent application backlog. Kappos was appointed Director of the USPTO during the summer of 2009. He brings to the office more than 20 years of experience as a patent professional, formerly serving as Vice President and Assistant General Counsel for Intellectual Property at IBM. Kappos has also served on the board of directors for various intellectual property law associations in Asia, Europe, and the U.S. and has lectured extensively on intellectual property.

According to Kappos:

"In order to assist the businesses, innovators, and inventors that create American jobs, the USPTO must be a model in the world for IP administration and protection. We must lead in application pendency, examination quality, as well as protection of IP rights globally. To cut long wait times, and reduce the backlog, the USPTO is working diligently to increase examination capacity and gain process efficiencies. To ensure the highest quality patents the USPTO is re-engineering its quality management program from top to bottom."

This event is free and open to the public. Please register with Naomi Allen at Naomi.Allen@nyls.edu.

