

Director Andrei Iancu Speaks With Protect American Innovation

On Friday October 5, 2018, Andrei Iancu, Director of the US Patent and Trademark Office joined our biweekly conference call. He updated the group on the activity of the USPTO since he became Director eight months ago.

Here are some of the areas he discussed that the USPTO is working on:

- Changing the dialogue and moving towards a more pro IP, pro innovation conversation
- Substantive developments on 101, PTAB and other areas
- Focusing on international activity to make sure that American companies doing business overseas benefit from IP protections which helps with trade and the balance of trade
- Add stability into the patent system by ensuring patent quality at the very beginning of the examination process
- Regarding IPR, examining repeat petitions pursuant to what is appropriate or not; striking a balance between the rights of the petitioner and the rights of the patent holder
- Working on a new robust amendment process that will be unveiled in the coming weeks which will give patent owners real, meaningful opportunity to amend their claims during the IPR process
- Bringing balance back into the system

Director Iancu applauded the efforts of Protect American Innovation and called our patent abuse stories inspirational and commended our patent reform campaign.