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Bob entered the USPTO in 1984 and has served as a primary examiner in what is now Technology Center 3700, primarily in the art areas of physical therapy and exercising equipment. In 1994, he became a Legal Advisor in what is now the Office of Patent Legal Administration, and in 2000, Bob became the Senior Patent Counsel to the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy. Bob is currently the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy. Bob has been involved in virtually every patents-related rule making since 1995, notably the changes to implement the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act and the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999. Bob has been awarded two Department of Commerce Gold Medals and two Department of Commerce Bronze Medals. Bob has a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Maryland, and a Juris Doctor from George Washington University, and is a member of the Virginia Bar.