



**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER**  
**USPTO PATENT QUALITY FORUM SERIES**

Southern University Law Center (SULC) will host senior executives from USPTO for its Patent Quality Forum Series from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at A. A. Lenoir Hall, 2 Roosevelt Steptoe Drive, Southern University campus, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

We are pleased to host senior executives from the USPTO to join us for a discussion about their Enhanced Patent Quality Initiative (EPQI) and its programs, such as the Clarity of the Record Pilot and Quality Metrics. The Forum presentations and panel discussion will focus on the latest achievements of the EPQI programs, options to participate in current quality programs, and sharing ideas about enhancing patent quality. We encourage anyone interested in the patent system, especially those involved with patent prosecution, litigation, and licensing, to attend.

In addition to the talks listed below, we will hold a panel discussion featuring members of the Baton Rouge IP community and USPTO members. The USPTO will also provide a demonstration of USPTO resources for enhanced patent quality.

**Topics and Featured Speakers:**

Patent Quality - **Greg Vidovich**, Associate Commissioner for Patent Quality

Clarity of the Record - **Daniel Ryman**, Senior Advisor to the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Quality

Post-Prosecution Pilot (P3) and Post Grant Outcome - **Andrea Wellington**, Senior Advisor to the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Quality

Measuring Patent Quality - **Greg Vidovich**, Associate Commissioner for Patent Quality

Panel Discussion to include **Hope Shimabuku**, Director of the USPTO's Texas Regional Office

This event is free and open to students, attorneys, patent quality specialists, and other interested professionals. Up to three credit hours applied for CLE credit.

For directions to SULC: [Click here](#).

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Please RSVP by Monday, November 14, 2016.

Please provide the information below in an RSVP via email or postal service. Include at least a name and email address for all attendees in your RSVP.

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Walk-ups are allowed, however we ask that you please RSVP so we can plan accordingly.

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