

Overseas Guests of the Japan Patent Office



Name: Scott R. Boalick
Position: Chief Administrative Patent Judge, United States Patent and Trademark Office

Chief Judge Scott R. Boalick was appointed to the Board in 2007. At the Board, he served as an Administrative Patent Judge, Lead Judge, Vice Chief Judge and Deputy Chief Judge prior to becoming the Chief Judge. Prior to joining the Board, Chief Judge Boalick served as a patent attorney with the Department of the Navy at two different research laboratories. Before that, he was an associate at Fish & Richardson and served as a law clerk to the Honorable Alvin A. Schall of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. In addition, Chief Judge Boalick worked as a radar systems engineer at Technology Service Corporation and served on active duty as an officer in the U.S. Navy. Chief Judge Boalick earned a J.D., magna cum laude, from the Georgetown University Law Center where he was a Notes and Comments Editor of The Georgetown Law Journal and received the Leon Robbin Patent Award. He earned both a M.S.E. in Systems Engineering and a B.S.E. in Electrical Engineering, magna cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania. Chief Judge Boalick is a member of the Virginia and District of Columbia Bars, and is registered to practice before the USPTO.



Name: Michael P. Tierney
Position: Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Patent Judge, United States Patent and Trademark Office

Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Patent Judge Michael P. Tierney was appointed to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) on July 31, 2000. Acting Deputy Chief Judge Tierney joined the PTAB as an administrative patent judge in the Chemical Section, where he handled ex parte appeals of chemical cases. Later, Acting Deputy Chief Judge Tierney worked as a member of the Interference Trial Section, where he worked on interferences and reexaminations. As part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) implementation of the America Invents Act (AIA), Acting Deputy Chief Judge Tierney led the PTAB's comprehensive effort on trial rulemaking. Acting Deputy Chief Judge Tierney has given numerous presentations to educate the patent community on the statutory provisions, proposed rules, and final rules for the AIA trials.

Prior to his appointment to the PTAB, Acting Deputy Chief Judge Tierney worked at the USPTO as a patent examiner, and afterwards served as an associate at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP, where his practice concentrated on patent litigation, opinions, and prosecution. Acting Deputy Chief Judge Tierney received both a Juris Doctor degree and a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Washington.



Name: Dr. Ingo Beckedorf
Position: Chairman of a Technical Board of Appeal, European Patent Office

Ingo Beckedorf, Dr. jur., M.L.E., Chairman of Technical Board of Appeal 3.2.07 (Mechanics), and deputy Chairman of the Enlarged Board of Appeal and the Legal Board of Appeal. German state diplomas in law, master of European laws and doctorate in European law. Former German judge at the Hanseatic Higher Regional Court, legal counsel to the Court's President and to the Constitutional Court Hamburg.

Held position as press officer and deputy head of the European Parliament Office in Germany.

Published numerous books and articles on EU law, competition law and patent law. Lecturer and conference speaker on German, EU and patent law.