

Overseas Guests of the Japan Patent Office



Name: Michael W. Kim

Position: Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge, Patent Trial and Appeal Board, United States Patent and Trademark Office

Appointed in 2020, the Honorable Michael W. Kim serves as a Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge for Operations at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Judge Kim was appointed as an Administrative Patent Judge (APJ) in 2011, and as a Lead Judge in 2013. Prior to his appointment, Judge Kim was a patent attorney for the PTAB. Judge Kim has significant experience in conducting inter partes reviews and post-grant reviews under the America Invents Act (AIA), and reviewing adverse decisions of examiners upon applications for patents. He works primarily in the business methods, mechanical, and electrical technology areas. In addition to continuing to serve on panels as an APJ, his current executive responsibilities include managing the PTAB's workload inventory, overseeing various PTAB committees and special projects, and coordinating PTAB policy in certain subject matter areas.

Prior to joining the USPTO, Judge Kim was a patent attorney at an intellectual law firm in Washington, DC, where he focused on patent prosecution and client counseling. Judge Kim received his law degree from the Duke University School of Law, where he was a founding member of the Duke Law and Technology Review, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he also holds concentrations in Economics, Political Science, and Writing.



Name: Jean GESCHWIND

Position: Chairman of Board of Appeal, Boards of Appeal, European Patent Office

Jean Geschwind is Chairman of a technical Board of appeal and legally qualified member of the Enlarged Board of appeal.

Before joining the EPO in 2009 he was an attorney in France specialized in the field of intellectual property and IT law. He has many years of experience in patent litigation and licensing and has authored several conferences in the field of intellectual property and litigation strategies.



Name: Jiang Xiaowei

Position: Deputy Director, Reexamination and Invalidation Department, China National Intellectual Property Administration

I graduated from Nankai University both for my bachelor's and master's degrees. My major is Chemistry. I started working at the patent office in 2007, initially I worked in Chemistry examination department, and moved to reexamination and invalidation department in 2011. I have been engaged in reexamination and invalidation work for 14 years, having examined more than 1000 reexamination and invalidation cases, and I also work as a teacher teaching new examiners. I was awarded the title of high-level talent of the patent office. I obtained the lawyer qualification in 2017. I have authored more than ten articles in the field of patent practice.

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Name: ILGYU KIM

Position: Chief Administrative Patent Judge of Board 5, Intellectual Property Trial and Appeal Board, Korean Intellectual Property Office

Mr. Ilgyu KIM currently serves as the Chief Administrative Patent Judge at the Intellectual Property Trial and Appeal Board (IPTAB) of the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), where he oversees strategic planning related to intellectual property (IP) trials and appeals.

He began his career at KIPO in 1998 as a patent examiner and has since held a variety of positions, including Administrative Patent Judge at IPTAB and Director of departments responsible for patent examination, IP transactions and finance, and IP enforcement.

Leveraging his extensive experience in IP policy and administration, Mr. KIM served as Assistant Secretary to the President in the Office of the President of the Republic of Korea, where he was responsible for formulating and coordinating national IP policies. He also contributed to global IP capacity building as a Counselor at the WIPO Academy of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).