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USPTO Update

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USPTO at a glance

USPTO staffing stats

- **12,931** total USPTO employees

(through June 30, 2022)

Patents staffing stats

- **10,186** total Patents employees
 - **9,690** full time and permanent staff
 - **496** part time staff

(through June 30, 2022)

Patents staffing stats

- **8,402** patent examiners
 - **9** Technology Centers
 - **600+** Art Units
 - Average 11.9 years of service
 - Approximately 40% with advanced or professional degrees

(through August 31, 2022)

Patents at a glance

Patents stats

- **FY 2022 filings**
(through August 31, 2022)
 - New serialized application filings: +1.5%
 - Design filings: -1.8%
- **1,086,316** total applications pending
(through August 31, 2022)
- **UPR inventory**
 - **695,723** applications
(through August 31, 2022)

Patent pendency stats

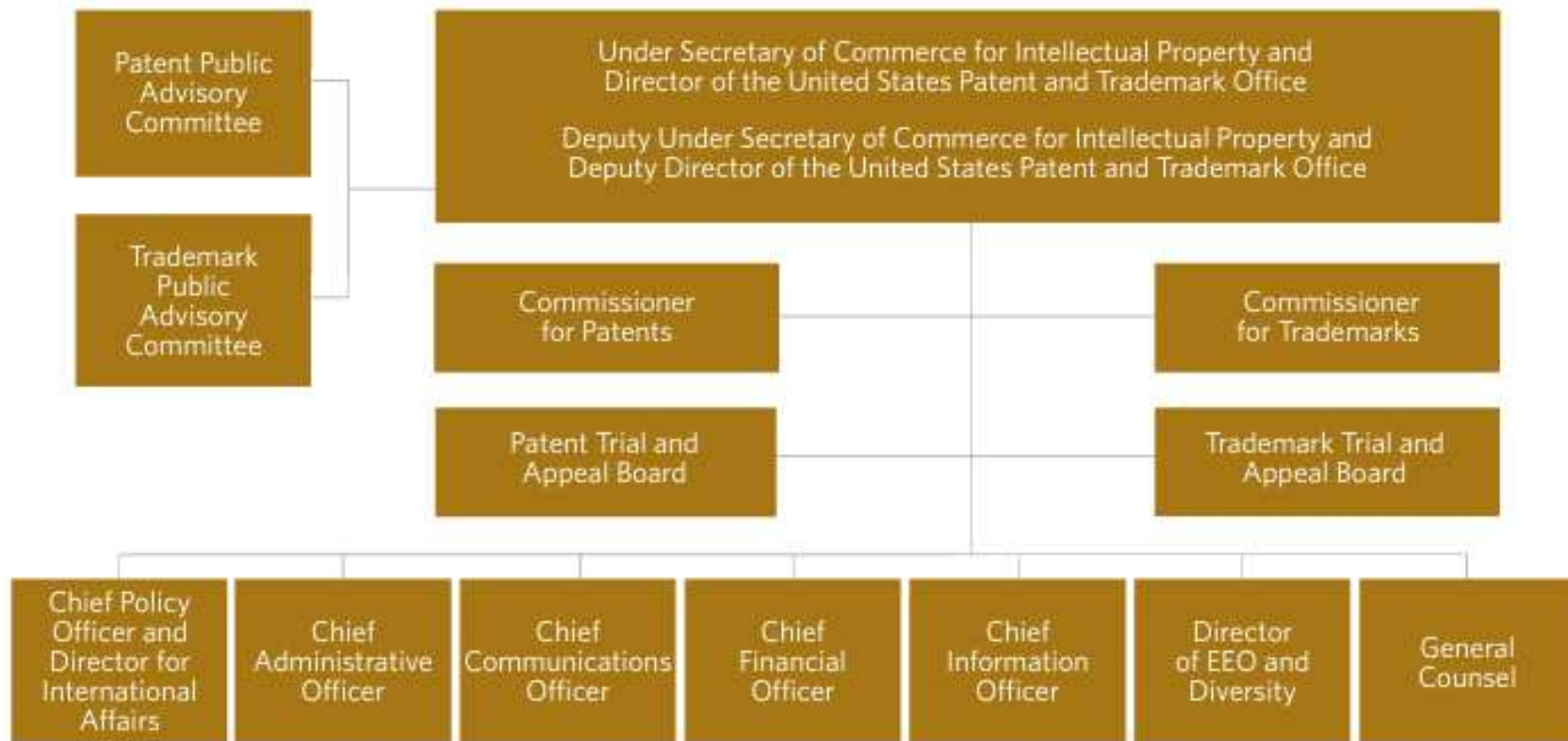
- **Patent Term Adjustment Compliance**
 - Goal: 90% compliant with PTA timeframes (mailed and inventory)
 - Current status: 80% mailed, 85% inventory
- **Total patent application pendency**
 - 24.9 months

(through August 31, 2022)

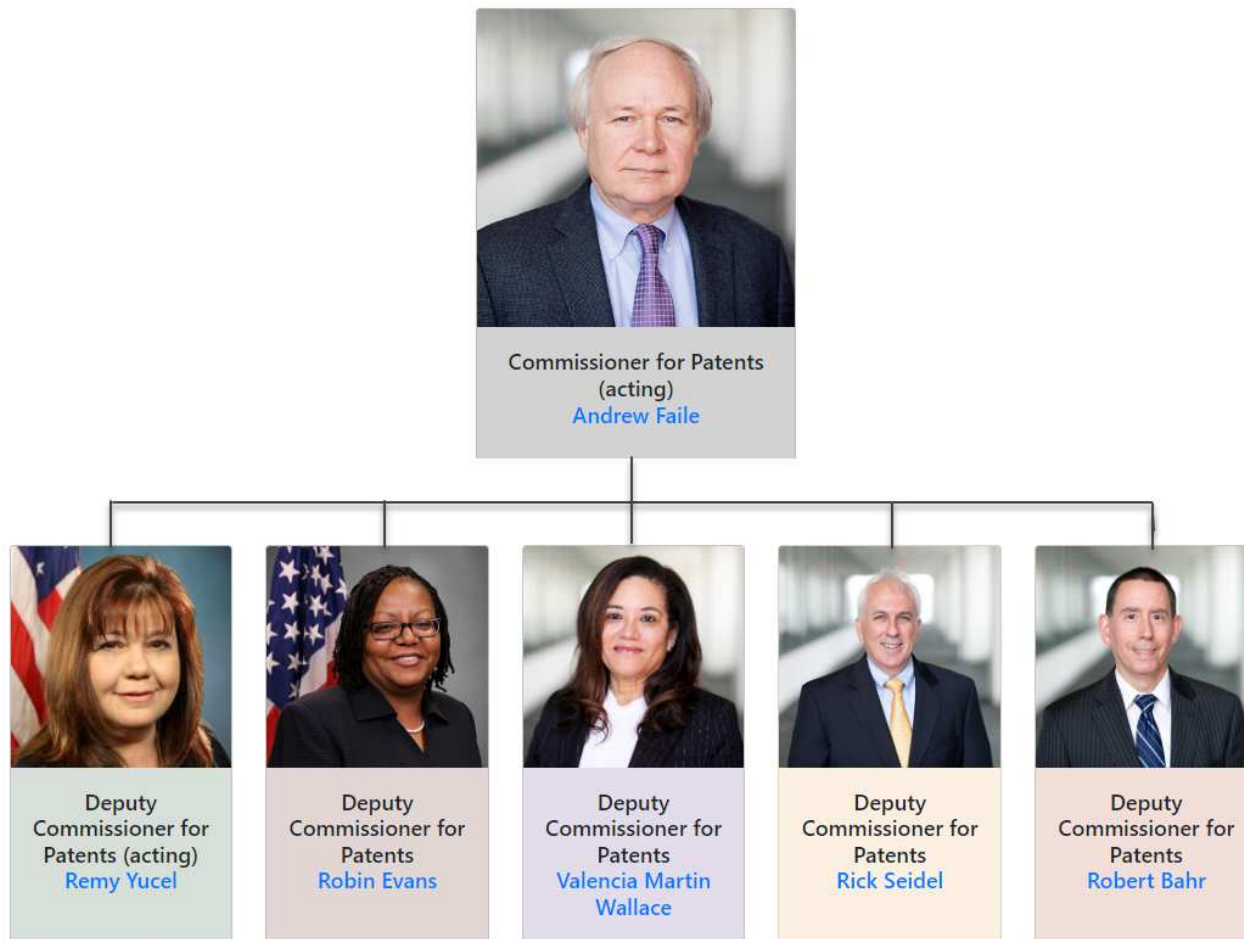
Other stats

- **Allowance rate (UPR):**
 - 63.5%
(through August 31, 2022)
- **Appeal**
 - 55.6% affirmed
 - 9.3% affirmed-in-part
 - 34.1% reversed
 - 0.9% other (remanded, dismissed, etc.)
(through June 30, 2022)

USPTO organizational chart



Patents organizational structure



Key Initiatives

- Examiner training, including subject matter eligibility guidance
- Patent quality
- Search
- DOCX
- Council for Inclusive Innovation (CI²)



Council for Inclusive Innovation

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Council for Inclusive Innovation (CI²)

- Was identified as a USPTO initiative in the [SUCCESS Act report](#) of October 2019.
- Developing a national strategy on innovation and intellectual property and a plan of action that will foster the involvement of underrepresented groups as inventors-patentees, entrepreneurs, and innovation leaders.
- Will execute a long-term comprehensive plan for continuing to build America's innovation ecosystem in areas that are key to the next technological revolution.
- Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo serves as the Chair of the re-named Council for Inclusive Innovation (CI²) with USPTO Director Kathi Vidal serves as Vice-Chair
 - “Together, as a Council, it is imperative that we continue working to expand our nation's diversity and increasing opportunities for all innovators and entrepreneurs who are creating new technologies, companies, and industries.” – Secretary Raimondo
- Visit the CI² webpage for further information, including our Council members: www.uspto.gov/ExpandingInnovation
- Follow us on social media at #InclusiveInnovation
- For general questions, our email is CI2@uspto.gov



CI² Initiatives

- The USPTO is committed to working to increase participation across the innovation ecosystem with new initiatives.
- Four (4) new initiatives were announced by Director Vidal in a blog as part of our CI² mission to expand innovation. We look forward to developing and announcing more.
 - Read the blog here
[https://www.uspto.gov/blog/director/entry/secretary-of-commerce-gina-raimondoector's Blog: the latest from USPTO leadership](https://www.uspto.gov/blog/director/entry/secretary-of-commerce-gina-raimondoector's-Blog-the-latest-from-USPTO-leadership)
- Opportunities for collaboration on these initiatives with various organizations



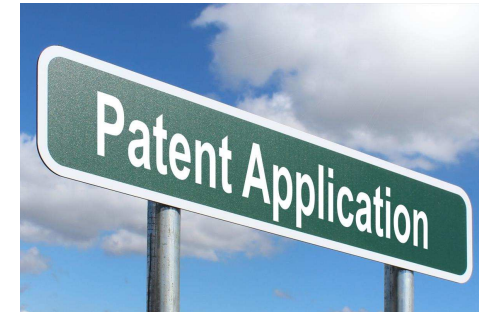
Innovation internship program

- Target the gap and inequalities associated with students from under resourced communities.
- Establish paid internships to provide real world experience to community college and university students.
- Emphasis on underrepresented and under resourced individuals to pursue careers in the IP/Innovation fields.



First-time filer expedited examination petition pilot

- Intended for first-time filers with micro-entity status.
- Noncontinuing, nonprovisional utility applications are eligible for pilot.
- Applicants must complete a patent basic training program.



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Expansion of free legal services

- Expanding access to free or pro bono legal services
 - The USPTO's [Law School Clinic Certification Program](#) includes over 60 participating law school clinics.
 - The USPTO also supports 21 pro bono regions across the country as part of the USPTO's [Patent Pro Bono Program](#).



Community outreach campaign

- USPTO employees delivering community based awareness and educational programs
 - The IP system
 - Importance of IP and innovation



Join the conversation

- Watch for updates on the CI² website
- Follow us on social media, #InclusiveInnovation
- Questions, comments or suggestions can be sent to CI2@uspto.gov



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Questions





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