Vacancy Details

About

Announcement Number: BPAI-2011-0001
Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Position Title: Administrative Patent Judge (Chemical)
Open Period: 08/17/2011 - 09/19/2011
Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00
Salary: USD $134,498 - USD $165,300
Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent
Promotion Potential: AD-00
Duty Location(s): Many Vacancies in Alexandria, VA
Telework Eligible: No
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Overview

Who May Apply/Clarification: Applications will be accepted from all United States Citizens and Nationals. This is a Non-bargaining position. More than one position may be filled.
Appointment Type: Permanent
Appointment Type Details: Full Time
Marketing Statement: The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office have been serving the economic interests of America for
more than 200 years. We are responsible for granting US intellectual property rights for patents and trademarks. Our efforts have provided inventors exclusive rights over their discoveries. It's an effort that continues to contribute to a strong global economy, to encourage investment in innovation and to cultivate an entrepreneurial spirit for the 21st century.

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Supervisory Position: No

Relocation Expenses: Reimbursed:

Duties

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Qualifications and Evaluations

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All required supporting documents will be collected electronically via the USAJobs "Saved Documents" feature.

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disabilities. This document will be converted to an appropriate alternative form for applicants with disabilities. Requests for this or other assistance and accommodation should be directed to the contact above.

Required Documents: A complete application consists of:

1. A resume or any other written format you choose to describe your job-related qualifications; optional cover letter: Your resume should indicate your citizenship and should list your educational and work experience including job titles, salary, employment dates, duties and accomplishments, experience and how it relates to the PTQs in the job announcement. Please Note: Responses to job questions that are not fully supported by the information in your resume may result in adjustments to your rating. Any experience claimed in a cover letter should be substantiated by information contained in your resume.

2. Transcripts: You MUST submit copies of your technical degree and law degree transcripts for verification of the education requirements. Unofficial copies are acceptable, however, if selected you will be required to furnish official transcripts. It is your responsibility to provide adequate proof that you meet the above educational requirements. Inadequate or ineligible information could result in non-qualification and loss of consideration.

3. Writing Sample (Up to 30 pages)

Supporting Documentation:

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   (1) A copy of your specific RIF notice, written notice of your expected separation or other documentation of priority consideration status;
   (2) A copy of your latest SF-50 noting current position, grade level, and duty location;
   (3) A copy of your last performance appraisal; and
   (4) Any documentation from your agency that shows your current promotion potential.
You can choose ONE of the following methods to submit Supporting Documents:

1) You can upload your documents when you register or update your information on the Department of Commerce application site which you access through the USAJobs site.

OR

2) You can fax your documents to 571-258-4052 using the system generated fax cover sheet.

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NOTE: The preceding documentation requirements are based on job requirements and individual applicant eligibility. Not all documents are applicable to all applicants—if you are unsure which documents apply to you, contact the HR Specialist listed on this announcement.

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Next Steps: You will receive a notice generated by the USAJobs System when you have successfully submitted your application. After all application packages have been received, we will review your application and transcript(s) (if you are qualifying based on education) to ensure you meet the basic qualification requirements. We will evaluate each applicant who meets the basic qualifications on the information provided and you may be contacted for follow-up supplemental documentation. It is the applicant’s responsibility to provide any supplemental documents or information requested by the Office of Human Resources within the allocated timeframes. Failure to submit requested documents or information within 5 business days of receiving the request may result in your application not receiving further consideration.

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About

Announcement Number:  BPAI-2011-0007
Hiring Agency:  PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Position Title:  Administrative Patent Judge (Communications, Computers and Electrical)
Open Period:  08/17/2011 - 09/19/2011
Format MM/DD/YYYY
Series/Grade:  AD - 1222.00
Salary:  USD $134,498 - USD $165,300
Work Schedule:  Full-time - Permanent
Promotion Potential:  AD-00
Duty Location(s):  1 Vacancy in
Alexandria, VA
Telework Eligible:  No
For More Info:  Carolyn Schad
571-272-7003
Carolyn.Schad@uspto.gov

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Appointment Type Details:  Full Time
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**FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE ANNOUNCEMENT CALL:**
Carolyn Schad (571) 272-7003 TTD#: (800) 828-1120 or Relay System
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United States Patent and Trademark Office programs are accessible to people with disabilities. This document will be converted to an appropriate alternative form for applicants with disabilities. Requests for this or other assistance and accommodation should be directed to the contact above.

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About

- **Announcement Number:** BPAI-2011-0010
- **Hiring Agency:** PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
- **Position Title:** Administrative Patent Judge (Chemical)
- **Open Period:** 09/19/2011 - 10/03/2011
- **Series/Grade:** AD - 1222.00
- **Salary:** USD $134,498 - USD $165,300
- **Work Schedule:** Full-time - Permanent
- **Promotion Potential:** AD-00
- **Duty Location(s):** Many Vacancies in Alexandria, VA
- **Telework Eligible:** No
- **For More Info:** Carolyn Schad
  571-272-7003
  Carolyn.Schad@uspto.gov

Overview

- **Who May Apply/Clarification:** Applications will be accepted from all United States Citizens and Nationals. This is a Non-bargaining position. More than one position may be filled.
- **Appointment Type:** Permanent
- **Appointment Type Details:** Full Time
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Supervisory Position: 

Relocation Expenses No
Reimbursed: No

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### Benefits and Other Info

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Working for the Federal Government - Benefit

Other Information: Applicants applying for this position must be a United States Citizen.

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This is a Public Trust position and has a risk level designation of "high".

Background Investigation - If selected for this position, you may be required to complete a Declaration for Federal Employment (OF-306), which includes a fingerprint and credit check, to determine your suitability for Federal employment and to authorize a background investigation.

Drug Testing - All applicants tentatively selected for this position may be required to submit to a drug test to screen for illegal drug use prior to appointment and, if appointed, the individual will be subjected to random drug testing procedures. All appointments are contingent upon a negative drug test result.

The USPTO participates in E-Verify. For more information on E-Verify, please visit http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc_1185221678150.shtm

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3. Writing Sample (Up to 30 pages)

**Supporting Documentation:**

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You can check the status of your application by logging into USAJobs. You may also sign up to receive automatic emails anytime the status of your application has changed by logging into your USAJobs Account, editing your profile and changing the ‘Notification Settings’ to indicate that you want to be notified by email when the status changes.

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Vacancy Details

About

**Announcement Number:** BPAI-2011-0012

**Hiring Agency:** PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Position Title:** Administrative Patent Judge (Communications, Computers and Electrical)

**Open Period:** 09/19/2011 - 10/03/2011

**Series/Grade:** AD - 1222.00

**Salary:** USD $134,498 - USD $165,300

**Work Schedule:** Full-time - Permanent

**Promotion Potential:** AD-00

**Duty Location(s):** many Vacancies in Alexandria, VA

**Telework Eligible:** No

**For More Info:** Carolyn Schad
571-272-7003
Carolyn.Schad@uspto.gov

Overview

**Who May Apply/Clarification**
Applications will be accepted from all United States Citizens and Nationals. This is a Non-bargaining position. More than one position may be filled.

**Appointment Type**
Permanent

**Appointment Type Details:** Full Time

**Marketing Statement:** The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office have been serving the economic interests of America for
more than 200 years. We are responsible for granting US intellectual property rights for patents and trademarks. Our efforts have provided inventors exclusive rights over their discoveries. It is an effort that continues to contribute to a strong global economy, to encourage investment in innovation and to cultivate an entrepreneurial spirit for the 21st century.

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Supervisory Position:
Relocation Expenses
Reimbursed: No

Duties
As an Administrative Patent Judge, the incumbent participates in appellate hearings, exercises independent judgment on all matters subject to administrative appeals, and issues written decisions that can be appealed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. An Administrative Patent Judge may be required to supervise one or more subordinate employees.

Qualifications and Evaluations
Requirements: Additional requirements are as follows:
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Key Requirements:
• You must be a U.S. Citizen or National.
• Your resume and question responses must demonstrate the job-related PTQs.
• You must submit proof of Bar Membership
- You must submit your transcripts from your Technical Degree
- You must submit your transcripts from your Law Degree
- You must submit a Writing Sample (max 30 pages)

**Education Requirements:** Candidates must possess the following:
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**Evaluations:** Your eligibility for consideration and qualifications for the position will be determined based upon a review of your detailed resume and your responses to job specific self-assessment questions. Your resume will be evaluated based on evidence of your ability to demonstrate the professional/technical qualifications (PTQs) for this position, possession of any specialized experience, and how well your background and experience relates to the self-assessment questions in the job announcement. The self-assessment questions relate to the following professional/technical qualifications:

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Writing Sample: Please submit a writing sample (up to 30 pages)

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**Qualifications:** Experience must have been at a sufficiently high level of difficulty to clearly show that the candidate possesses the required professional and technical qualifications.

### Benefits and Other Info

**Benefits:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office offers a comprehensive benefits package that includes, in part, paid vacation, sick leave, paid holidays, life insurance, health benefits, and participation in the Federal Employees Retirement System. Alternative Work Schedule (AWS) and Telework Program are available to eligible employees.

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### Benefits and Other Info

**Benefits:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office offers a comprehensive benefits package that includes, in part, paid vacation, sick leave, paid holidays, life insurance, health benefits, and participation in the Federal Employees Retirement System. Alternative Work Schedule (AWS) and Telework Program are available to eligible employees.

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3. Writing Sample (Up to 30 pages)

Supporting Documentation:

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Vacancy Details

About

**Announcement Number:** BPAI-2012-0002  
**Hiring Agency:** PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**Position Title:** Administrative Patent Judge (Mechanical)  
**Open Period:** 10/20/2011 - 11/21/2011  
  Format MM/DD/YYYY  
**Series/Grade:** AD - 1222.00  
**Salary:** USD $134,496 - USD $165,300  
**Work Schedule:** Full-time - Permanent  
**Promotion Potential:** AD-00  
**Duty Location(s):** Many Vacancies in  
Alexandria, VA  
**Telework Eligible:** No  
**For More Info:** Carolyn Schad  
571-272-7003  
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Overview

**Who May Apply/Clarification** Applications will be accepted from all United States Citizens and Nationals. This is a Non-bargaining position. More than one position may be filled.  
**Appointment Type** Permanent  
**Appointment Type Details:** Full Time  
**Marketing Statement:** Please Note: Applicants who applied under announcements BPAI-2011-0009 and BPA1-
2011-0013 need not apply.

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An Administrative Patent Judge serves as a member of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The BPAI has authority to hear and adjudicate appeals from decisions of Primary Examiners as to patentability in applications for patents, for reissue of patents, and for reexamination of patents; to declare and conduct proceedings in interferences; and to determine priority of invention.

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About

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Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Position Title: Administrative Patent Judge (Communications, Computers and Electrical)
Format MM/DD/YYYY
Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00
Salary: USD $134,498 - USD $165,300
Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent
Promotion Potential: AD-00
Duty Location(s): Many Vacancies in
Alexandria, VA
Telework Eligible: No
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Overview

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Appointment Type Details: Full Time
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Vacancy Details

About

Announcement Number: BPAI-2012-0005
Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Position Title: Administrative Patent Judge (Mechanical)
Open Period: 12/13/2011 - 02/02/2012
Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00
Salary: USD $134,498 - USD $165,300
Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent
Promotion Potential: AD-00
Duty Location(s): Many Vacancies in Alexandria, VA
Telework Eligible: No

For More Info: Carolyn Schad
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Overview

Who May Apply/Clarification: Applications will be accepted from all United States Citizens and Nationals. This is a Non-bargaining position. More than one position may be filled.
Appointment Type: Permanent
Appointment Type Details: Full Time
Marketing Statement: Applicants marked Minimally Qualified "MQ" within USAJobs for announcement BPAI-2012-0002
do not need to reapply to this announcement. Your application is currently being reviewed.

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**Supervisory Position:**

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Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
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Open Period: 12/13/2011 - 02/02/2012
Format MM/DD/YYYY
Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00
Salary: USD $134,496 - USD $165,300
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Duty Location(s): Many Vacancies in
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technical and legal issues discussed in a work group and to accurately communicate the agreed
upon analyses and conclusions both orally and in writing.

Writing Sample: Please submit a writing sample (up to 30 pages)

Your application will then be evaluated and rated under Category Rating and Selection
procedures. Category rating procedures evaluate your total qualifying experience, education,
and training and assigns them into a single, pre-defined quality category. Qualified applicants are
assigned to one of three categories following a review of their resume and other supporting
documentation. Each category is defined as follows:

Best Qualified - Applicant possesses exceptional experience with a background that
demonstrates a superior level of knowledge, skills, abilities, and competencies required to
perform the duties of the position.

Well Qualified - Applicant possesses good experience with a background that demonstrates a
satisfactory level of knowledge, skills, abilities, and competencies required to perform the duties
of the position.

Qualified - Applicant possesses the minimum qualifications with a background that
demonstrates a basic level of knowledge, skills, abilities, and competencies required to perform
the duties of the position.

For more information on category rating procedures, please visit

Please note that a complete application is required for consideration. (Please review the
"Required Documents" section of this job announcement to see what must be included in a
complete application).

Applicants must clearly demonstrate in their application materials that they possess
managerial attributes in the five professional technical qualifications in addition please
submit a writing sample (up to 30 pages maximum).

Qualifications: Experience must have been at a sufficiently high level of difficulty to clearly show that the
candidate possesses the required professional and technical qualifications.

Benefits and Other Info

Benefits: The United States Patent and Trademark Office offers a comprehensive benefits package
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Probationary Period- If selected, you will be required to complete an initial two-year probationary period.

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Relocation Expenses are not authorized and will not be paid.

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How to Apply

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All required supporting documents will be collected electronically via the USAJobs "Saved Documents" feature.

Please be sure to include the following in your application packet: a resume, narratives describing your experience (specific tasks) and accomplishments against the five Professional Technical Qualifications (PTQs), technical and law degree transcripts, proof of Bar Membership, along with a writing sample (up to 30 pages).

Additional documents will not be reviewed by the rating panel.

FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE ANNOUNCEMENT CALL:
Carolyn Schad (571) 272-7003 TTD#: (800) 828-1120 or Relay System

Electronic submission must be received by 11:59 pm Eastern time on the closing date of the vacancy announcement.
United States Patent and Trademark Office programs are accessible to people with disabilities. This document will be converted to an appropriate alternative form for applicants with disabilities. Requests for this or other assistance and accommodation should be directed to the contact above.
Required Documents: A complete application consists of:

1. A resume or any other written format you choose to describe your job-related qualifications; optional cover letter: Your resume should indicate your citizenship and should list your educational and work experience including job titles, salary, employment dates, duties and accomplishments, experience and how it relates to the PTQs in the job announcement. Please Note: Responses to job questions that are not fully supported by the information in your resume may result in adjustments to your rating. Any experience claimed in a cover letter should be substantiated by information contained in your resume.

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3. Writing Sample: (Up to 30 pages)

4. Responses to the individual Professional Technical Qualifications (8000 character limit for each PTQ)

Supporting Documentation:

PLEASE NOTE: Applicants who meet the minimum eligibility and qualification requirements for this position may be contacted within 7 business days of the closing date of this announcement to submit follow-up supporting documentation if applicable. You can choose ONE of the following methods to submit Supporting Documents:

1) You can upload your documents when you register or update your information on the Department of Commerce application site which you access through the USAJobs site.

OR

2) You can fax your documents to 571-258-4052 using the system generated fax cover sheet.

Your application and all required documentation must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on the closing date of this job announcement.

NOTE: The preceding documentation requirements are based on job requirements and individual applicant eligibility. Not all documents are applicable to all applicants--if you are unsure which documents apply to you, contact the HR Specialist listed on this announcement.

Review your resume and responses carefully. Responses to job questions that are not fully supported by the information in your application package may result in adjustments to your rating. A Human Resources Representative will validate the qualifications of those candidates eligible to be referred to the hiring official.

If you are a current Federal Employee please submit an SF-50.
You must submit proof of membership in good standing of the Bar of any state, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or any U.S. Territory. Also, narratives to the Professional Technical Qualifications and a writing sample (up to 30 pages) must be submitted.

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Vacancy Details

About

Announcement Number: BPAI-2012-0009

Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Position Title: Administrative Patent Judge-Mechanical, Chemical, and Communications, Electrical and Computers

Open Period: 01/04/2012 - 02/06/2012

Series/Grade: AD - 1222 00

Salary: USD $134,498 - USD $165,300

Work Schedule: Part-time - Temporary

Promotion Potential: AD-00

Duty Location(s): many Vacancies in

Alexandria, VA

Telework Eligible: No

For More Info: Carolyn Schad
571-272-7003
carolyn.schad@uspto.gov

Overview

Who May Apply/Clarification From the Agency:

Applications will be accepted from current and former competitive service Federal employees, including reinstatement eligibles.

This is a part time position, salary will be paid based on hours worked.

Part-time NTE 1040 hours per year. No annuity offset (See National Defense Authorization Act
Waiver).

Temporary position not to exceed 1 year. At the agency discretion the position can be extended an additional 3 years.

Appointment Type: Temporary
Appointment Type Details: Part-Time NTE 1040 hours per year
Marketing Statement: The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has served the economic interests of America for more than 200 years. We are responsible for granting US intellectual property rights for patents and trademarks. Our efforts have provided inventors exclusive rights over their discoveries. It is an effort that continues to contribute to a strong global economy, to encourage investment in innovation and to cultivate an entrepreneurial spirit for the 21st century.

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In an uncertain economy, the USPTO provides stability, job growth, and a career. Learn more about our substantial and unmatched employee benefits by click on the ‘Benefits and Other Information’ tabs.

The Office of Human resources strongly encourages applicants applying for positions to read the vacancy announcement in its entirety before submitting application materials for this position. If you have any questions or concerns about the application procedure of processes, please contact the individual listed under ‘Contact Information.’ Failure to follow recommendation as set forth in the materials submitted by the candidates, and if needed, upon an interview.

Supervisory Position: 
Relocation Expenses Reimbursed: No

Duties

As an Administrative Patent Judge, the incumbent participates in appellate hearings, exercises independent judgment on all matters subject to administrative appeals, and issues written decisions that can be appealed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. USPTO is looking for candidates in the following specialty fields: Computer Technology, Mechanical Technology and Business Methods and/or Communications, Electrical Technologies and Chemical. A Background investigation will be required. Selectee will be subject to Federal Executive Personnel Financial Disclosure Report (Standard Form 278) requirements.

Qualifications and Evaluations
Requirements: Your eligibility for consideration and qualifications for the position will be determined based upon a review of your detailed resume and your responses to job specific self-assessment questions.

Key Requirements:
- You must be a U.S. Citizen or National.
- Your resume and question responses must demonstrate the job-related PTQs.
- You must submit proof of Bar Membership.
- You must submit your transcripts from your Law Degree and Technical Degree

Education Requirements:

Evaluations: Candidates are evaluated under Five rating factors, considering the applicant's education, work-related experience, training, awards, professional recognition, performance appraisals, and letters of recommendation as set forth in the materials submitted by the candidates, and, if needed, upon an interview.

Rating Factors:

PTQ 1 - Knowledge of technical subject matter associated with patent appeal and interference proceedings. This factor includes formal education, training, professional experience, and professional recognition in one of the following technical subject areas: communication technology, computer technology, and/or electrical technology. This factor also includes the ability to effectively apply technical education, training, and professional experience in resolving complex technical issues.

PTQ 2 - Knowledge of legal principles associated with patent appeal and litigation-related proceedings. This factor includes formal education, training, professional experience, and professional recognition in relevant patent law legal principles involved in patent appeals and litigation-related proceedings. This factor also includes the ability to effectively apply legal education, training, and professional experience in resolving complex patent law issues.

PTQ 3 - Demonstrated ability to be highly productive and meet established time constraints while producing exceptionally high quality work products. This factor includes the ability to be industrious and to meet and exceed productivity standards. This factor also includes the ability to work under time constraints and to meet and exceed established deadlines. This factor further includes the demonstrated ability to consistently produce exceptionally high quality work products that are thorough and accurate both technically and legally.

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Proof of Bar Membership

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About

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**Hiring Agency:** PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**Position Title:** Administrative Patent Judge (Mechanical)  
**Open Period:** 02/03/2012 - 05/01/2012  
**Series/Grade:** AD - 1222.00  
**Salary:** USD $134,498 - USD $165,300  
**Work Schedule:** Full-time - Permanent  
**Promotion Potential:** AD-00  
**Duty Location(s):** MANY in Alexandria, VA, US  
**Telework Eligible:** No  
**For More Info:** Carolyn Schad  
571-272-7003  
Carolyn.Schad@uspto.gov

Overview

**Who May Apply/Clarification:** Applications will be accepted from all United States Citizens and Nationals. This is a Non-bargaining position. More than one position may be filled. Applications received by the first of every month between February and May will be reviewed at that time.  
**Appointment Type:** Permanent  
**Appointment Type Details:** Full Time
Marketing Statement: You are looking for a job that harnesses the power of innovation, yet provides work/life balance? Look no further. When you join the United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO), you’ll be working for the largest Intellectual Property Rights entity in the nation. You’ll be supporting economic growth and positioning America as one of the world’s top innovators. You’ll have access to alternative, flexible schedules, telework and a highly competitive benefits package. USPTO has been serving the economic interests of America for more than 200 years to grant inventors exclusive U.S. intellectual property rights for their novel discoveries. To learn more, visit our website at www.USPTO.gov.

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Relocation Expenses: No
Reimbursed: No

Duties

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- Hear and adjudicate appeals from decisions of Primary Examiners as to: Patentability in patent applications and reissue and reexamination of patents
- Declare and conduct proceedings in interferences; and
- Determine priority of invention.

As an APJ, you will be expected to:

- Formulate ideas and communicate them effectively to various stakeholders
- Draft decisions regarding patentability

Though not required, BPAI prefers candidates with 10-15 years of experience who have presented and / or litigated patent cases and supervised professional IP teams and / or attorneys.

Qualifications and Evaluations

Requirements: IMPORTANT NOTE: Though you will be expected to furnish all required documents to ultimately qualify for the position, undergraduate, graduate and law degree transcripts and Bar certificates can be provided after the application is submitted.

To be considered for this position, you must possess the following:

A) Successfully completed a full 4-year course of study in an accredited college or university leading to a bachelor's or higher technical degree in Mechanical Technology (See REQUIRED DOCUMENTS, below).
B) Proof of successfully completing a law degree
C) Proof of membership in good standing of the Bar of any state, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or any U.S. territory
D) Demonstration of recent, extensive and comprehensive experience with the following:
1. Evaluating combined Intellectual Property (IP) assets and providing legal advice
2. Formulating ideas and communicating them effectively to various stakeholders via clear, logically-developed opinions and decisions regarding patentability
3. Effectively working with others
4. Conducting and managing patent prosecution, examination or administration which demonstrates a thorough knowledge and application of patent laws and rules of practice
E) Experience supervising legal IP teams is preferred

Key Requirements:
- Submit a complete application and furnish all required documentation.
- Submit proof of proper technical and law degrees, detailed below.
- Submit proof of Bar Membership in good standing and resume.
- Demonstrated ability to litigate & draft decisions around patentability.
- Be a U.S. Citizen or National.
- Live near, or be willing to relocate or commute to the D.C. area.

Education Requirements:

Evaluations: Your resume, supporting documentation and self-assessment answers will be evaluated for required competencies and specialized experience.
The self-assessment questions cover the following competencies:
- Knowledge of legal matters associated with patent examination practices, processes and procedures
- Ability to effectively communicate orally and in writing
- Knowledge of applying, evaluating and interpreting patent law
- Ability to lead people

Your application will then be evaluated and rated by a subject matter expert panel via federal government selection procedures. Qualified applicants are assigned to one of these two categories:
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Your application and all required documentation must be received by 11:59 p.m. EST on the closing date of this job announcement.
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Required Documents: A complete application includes the following documents submitted BY THE CLOSING DATE of this announcement:
1. Resume (cover letter optional) including:
   - Citizenship
   - Job-related qualifications
   - Education
   - Work experience (including job titles, salary, employment dates, duties and accomplishments, and how any experience relates to the competencies listed in the job announcement.)
2. Responses to self-assessment questions. Answers to questions not fully supported by your resume may result in rating adjustments. Also, any experience claimed in a cover letter should also be substantiated by your resume.
   The following MUST be furnished to qualify for selection, but can be provided after you submit your application (before interview, if selected).
3. Education Documentation
   - Transcripts:
     Undergraduate, graduate and law school transcripts or a statement from the institution or equivalent documentation will be accepted. Inadequate or illegible information could result in non-qualification. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable for the initial application; however, if selected, you must furnish official transcripts two weeks before entrance on duty. Transcripts must include:
       Applicant Name
       Name of College/University
       Type of Degree (e.g., Bachelor of Science)
       Discipline (e.g., Computer Engineering)
       GPA
       Semester hours completed
       Course names and grades
   - Foreign Education:
     Documentation for education completed outside the United States must demonstrate that the education is equivalent to that of an accredited U.S. educational institution.
4. Proof of Bar Membership (Good Standing)
5. Writing Sample that demonstrates recent skills and experience described under the Basic Requirements, above.

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Vacancy Details

About

Announcement Number: BPAI-2012-0013
Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Position Title: Administrative Patent Judge (Communication, Computer, and/or Electrical)
Open Period: 02/03/2012 - 05/01/2012
Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00
Salary: USD $134,498 - USD $165,300
Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent
Promotion Potential: AD-00
Duty Location(s): MANY
in
Alexandria, VA, US
Telework Eligible: No
For More Info: Carolyn Schad
571-272-7003
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Overview

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Appointment Type Details: Full Time
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Promotion Potential: AD-00
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**Vacancy Details**

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  - Format MM/DD/YYYY
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Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADMARK OFFICE
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Open Period: 05/10/2012 - 05/24/2012
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Vacancy Details

About

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- **Hiring Agency:** PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
- **Position Title:** Administrative Patent Judge (Communication, Computer, and/or Electrical)
- **Open Period:** 05/10/2012 - 05/24/2012
  - Format MM/DD/YYYY
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Physical Location:

Until the physical location of USPTO’s Silicon Valley satellite office is completed, selected employees will be required to telework from their home location for up to 11 months. You also will need to certify that your home location meets all telework technology requirements which will be provided to you upon selection. Once the permanent office space is available, you will be required to make that location your primary office. Opportunities for telework after the permanent space opens up will be available but will be extremely limited, at least within the first six months of the site’s opening. Some travel to USPTO Headquarters in Alexandria, VA for initial training and subsequent training also will be required.

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Open Period: 07/09/2012 - 08/31/2012
   Format MM/DD/YYYY
Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00
Salary: USD $134,498 - USD $165,300
Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent
Promotion Potential: AD-00
Duty Location(s): MANY
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Telework Eligible: No
For More Info: Sabrina Lewis
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Open Period: 07/09/2012 - 08/31/2012

Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00

Salary: USD $134,498 - USD $165,300

Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent

Promotion Potential: AD-00

Duty Location(s): many Vacancies in

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Telework Eligible: No

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Vacancy Details

About

Announcement Number: BPAI-2012-0034
Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Position Title: Administrative Patent Judge (Mechanical, Communication, Computer, and/or Electrical)
Open Period: 08/15/2012 - 08/26/2012
Format MM/DD/YYYY
Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00
Salary: USD $134,496 - USD $165,300
Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent
Promotion Potential: AD-00
Duty Location(s): many Vacancies in
	Denver, CO, US
Telework Eligible: No
For More Info: Sabrina Lewis
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**AND**

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   (B) a combination of qualifying education and experience:

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f) nature and properties of materials (relating to particle and aggregate structure to properties)

g) any other comparable area of fundamental engineering science or physics, such as optics, heat transfer, soil mechanics or electronics

OR

B) A combination of Education and Experience. This combination of college level education, training and/or technical experience must have furnished both:

• A thorough knowledge of the physical and mathematical sciences underlying professional engineering;

AND

• A good understanding, both theoretical and practical, of the engineering sciences and techniques and their application to professional engineering. This can be demonstrated by one of the following:
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This is a Public Trust position and has a risk level designation of "high." Background Investigation - If selected for this position, you may be required to complete a Declaration for Federal Employment (OF-306) to determine your suitability for Federal employment by authorizing fingerprinting, a credit check and a background investigation.

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  Format MM/DD/YYYY
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- **Work Schedule:** Full-time - Permanent
- **Promotion Potential:** AD-00
- **Duty Location(s):** many Vacancies in
  
  Dallas-Ft Worth, TX-Metro Area, US
- **Telework Eligible:** No
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From the Agency
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Vacancy Details

About

Announcement Number: BPAI-2012-0038

Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Position Title: Administrative Patent Judge (Mechanical, Communication, Computer, and/or Electrical)

Open Period: 08/27/2012 - 10/14/2012

Format: MM/DD/YYYY

Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00

Salary: USD $134,498 - USD $165,300

Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent

Promotion Potential: AD-00

Duty Location(s): many Vacancies in

Denver, CO, US

Telework Eligible: No

For More Info: Sabrina Lewis
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Overview

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Appointment Type: Permanent

Appointment Type Details: Full Time

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Summary: **APPLICANTS THAT APPLIED FOR BPAI-2012-0034 NEED NOT REAPPLY.**

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**Promotion Potential:** AD-00

**Duty Location(s):** many Vacancies in Dallas-Ft Worth, TX-Metro Area, US

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Vacancy Details

About

- **Announcement Number:** PTAB-2013-0001
- **Hiring Agency:** PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
- **Position Title:** Administrative Patent Judge-Biotechnology, Chemical, Mechanical, Communication, Computer, Electrical
- **Open Period:** 01/15/2013 - 01/28/2013
- **Series/Grade:** AD - 1222 00
- **Salary:** USD $134,498 - USD $165,300
- **Work Schedule:** Full-time - Permanent
- **Promotion Potential:** AD-00
- **Duty Location(s):** many Vacancies in
  - San Jose, CA, US
  - Denver, CO, US
  - Detroit, MI, US
  - Alexandria, VA, US
  - Dallas-Ft Worth, TX-Metro Area, US
- **Telework Eligible:** No
- **For More Info:** Isis Thomas
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  - Isis.Thomas@uspto.gov

Overview

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Security Clearance Required: Public Trust - Background Investigation
Appointment Type: Permanent
Appointment Type Details: Full Time
Marketing Statement: Yearning for a job that harnesses the power of innovation, yet provides work/life balance? Now you can experience this opportunity as an Administrative Patent Judge with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. The USPTO is seeking Administrative Patent Judges for USPTO’s main Alexandria, VA office, satellite Offices in Detroit, MI and Denver, CO, as well as at planned satellite offices in the Dallas-Ft Worth, TX metro area and Silicon Valley, CA. As an Administrative Patent Judge, you’ll be working with the largest IP Rights entity in the nation. You’ll be supporting economic growth and positioning America as one of the world's top innovators.

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   **AND**

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   **OR**

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g) any other comparable area of fundamental engineering science or physics, such as optics, heat transfer, soil mechanics or electronics

OR

B) A combination of Education and Experience. This combination of college level education, training and/or technical experience must have furnished both:

• A thorough knowledge of the physical and mathematical sciences underlying professional engineering;

AND

• A good understanding, both theoretical and practical, of the engineering sciences and techniques and their application to professional engineering. This can be demonstrated by one of the following:

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About

Announcement Number: PTAB-2013-0002
Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Position Title: Administrative Patent Judge-Biotechnology, Chemical, Mechanical, Communication, Computer, Electrical
Open Period: 01/29/2013 - 03/17/2013
Format MM/DD/YYYY
Series/Grade: AD - 1222 00
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Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent
Promotion Potential: AD-00
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Denver, CO, US
Detroit, MI, US
Alexandria, VA, US
Dallas-Ft Worth, TX-Metro Area, US
Telework Eligible: No
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Appointment Type: Permanent
Appointment Type Details: Full Time

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Vacancy Details

About

Announcement Number: PTAB-2013-0006
Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Position Title: Administrative Patent Judge-Biotechnology, Chemical, Mechanical, Communication, Computer, Electrical
Open Period: 03/18/2013 - 03/24/2013
Format MM/DD/YYYY
Series/Grade: AD - 1222 00
Salary: USD $134,498 - USD $165,300
Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent
Promotion Potential: AD-00
Duty Location(s): many Vacancies in
San Jose, CA, US
Denver, CO, US
Detroit, MI, US
Alexandria, VA, US
Dallas-Ft Worth, TX-Metro Area, US
Telework Eligible: No
For More Info: Isis Thomas
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Overview

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0002 need not reapply.

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**Appointment Type Details:** Full Time

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**Relocation Expenses** No

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B) Proof of successfully completing a law degree

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- Be a U.S. Citizen or National.
- Writing Sample

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   **AND**

2. **Specialized Experience** (See details below, including how certain graduate level education can substitute for specialized experience.) To meet the Basic Qualification Requirements, you must have **either**:

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   **OR**

   **(B)** a combination of qualifying education and experience:

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   **1.** Be accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) as a professional engineering curriculum;

   **OR**
2. Include differential and integral calculus and courses (more advanced than first-year physics and chemistry) in five of the following seven areas:

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b) strength of materials (stress-strain relationships)

c) fluid mechanics, hydraulics

d) thermodynamics

e) electrical fields and circuits

f) nature and properties of materials (relating to particle and aggregate structure to properties)

g) any other comparable area of fundamental engineering science or physics, such as optics, heat transfer, soil mechanics or electronics

OR

B) A combination of Education and Experience. This combination of college level education, training and/or technical experience must have furnished both:

• A thorough knowledge of the physical and mathematical sciences underlying professional engineering;

AND

• A good understanding, both theoretical and practical, of the engineering sciences and techniques and their application to professional engineering. This can be demonstrated by one of the following:

1. Professional registration-- Current registration as a professional engineer by any State, the District of Columbia, Guam or Puerto Rico.

2. Written test-- Evidence of passing the Engineer-in-Training (EIT) examination or the written test required for professional registration, administered by the Boards of Engineering Examiners in various States, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico.
3. Specified academic courses— Successful completion of at least 60 semester hours in the physical, mathematical and engineering sciences and including the courses specified in the basic requirements. The courses must be fully acceptable toward meeting the requirements of a professional engineering curriculum as described in paragraph A.

4. Related curriculum— Successful completion of a curriculum leading to a bachelor’s degree in engineering technology or in an appropriate professional field, e.g., physics, chemistry, biology, architecture, computer science, mathematics, hydrology, or geology, may be accepted in lieu of an Engineering degree, provided the applicant has had at least 1 year of professional engineering experience with professional engineering supervision and guidance.

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• Well Qualified - Possessing good recent experience with a background that demonstrates a satisfactory level of knowledge, skills, abilities and competencies required to perform the duties of the position

Qualifications: Must have demonstrated ability to address legal and technology issues pertaining to biology, chemical, mechanical, electrical or data processing patents and patent applications.

Experience must have been at a sufficiently high level of difficulty to clearly show that the candidate possesses the required professional and technical qualifications to litigate and/or prosecute issues & to draft decisions around patentability. This announcement is for all technologies (Biotechnology, Chemical, Mechanical, Communication, Computer and Electrical) however, certain skills in particular will be in demand.

Benefits and Other Info

Benefits: USPTO offers great benefits including paid vacation, sick leave, paid holidays, life insurance, health benefits and participation in the Federal Employees Retirement System. Alternative Work Schedule (AWS), telework, bonuses and paid overtime are also available to eligible employees. For more information about USPTO benefits, click here. Visit the USPTO Careers site for information about working for USPTO.

Other Information: If you are a male applicant born after December 31, 1959, you must certify that you have registered with the Selective Service System. If you are exempt from registration under Selective Service Law, you must provide appropriate proof of exemption. Visit the Selective Service System website for details. This is a Non-Bargaining Unit position.

This is a Public Trust position and has a risk level designation of "high." Background Investigation - If selected for this position, you may be required to complete a Declaration for Federal Employment (OF-306) to determine your suitability for Federal employment by authorizing fingerprinting, a credit check and a background investigation.

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Relocation expenses will not be paid, however recruitment incentives may be authorized.

The Ethics in Government Act of 1978, as amended, requires senior officials in the executive, legislative and judicial branches to file public reports of their finances as well as other interests outside the Government. If selected for this position you will be required to file a Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 278). The OGE 278 is available to the public. The primary purpose of disclosure is to assist agencies in identifying potential conflicts of interest between a filer’s official duties and the filer’s private financial interests and affiliations.


**Physical Location:**

Administrative Patent Judges will work from the office of the city selected. Individuals selected to work at satellite offices in Dallas-Fort Worth and Silicon Valley will be required to telework from their home location for up to 11 months, until office space (temporary or permanent) is available.

Opportunities for telework will depend upon the office to which the Administrative Patent Judge is assigned. Telework will be generally less available for those working from satellite offices than those working from the Alexandria office. Regardless of the office assigned, generally, telework will be very limited during the first 6 – 12 months.

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Vacancy Details

About

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**Hiring Agency:** PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**Position Title:** Administrative Patent Judge - Electrical, Computer, Mechanical  
**Open Period:** 07/02/2013 - 08/30/2013  
  Format MM/DD/YYYY  
**Series/Grade:** AD - 1222.00  
**Salary:** USD $134,498 - USD $165,300  
**Work Schedule:** Full-time - Permanent  
**Promotion Potential:** AD-00  
**Duty Location(s):** many Vacancies in  
  - Menlo Park, CA, US  
  - Lakewood, CO, US  
  - Detroit, MI, US  
  - Alexandria, VA, US  
  - Dallas-Ft Worth, TX-Metro Area, US  
**Telework Eligible:** No  
**For More Info:** Isis Thomas  
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Vacancy Details

About

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Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Position Title: Administrative Patent Judge
Open Period: 10/15/2013 - 11/15/2013
Format MM/DD/YYYY
Series/Grade: AD - 1222 00
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Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent
Promotion Potential: AD-00
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Detroit, MI, US
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Vacancy Details

About

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**Hiring Agency:** PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**Position Title:** Administrative Patent Judge  
**Open Period:** 12/09/2013 - 01/12/2014  
  Formatted as MM/DD/YYYY  
**Series/Grade:** AD - 1222.00  
**Salary:** USD $134,498 - USD $165,300  
**Work Schedule:** Full-time - Permanent  
**Promotion Potential:** AD-00  
**Duty Location(s):** many Vacancies in  
  Menlo Park, CA, US  
  Lakewood, CO, US  
  Detroit, MI, US  
  Dallas, TX, US  
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**Telework Eligible:** No  
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   Format MM/DD/YYYY
Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00
Salary: USD $135,842 - USD $167,000
Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent
Promotion Potential: AD-00
Duty Location(s): many Vacancies in
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Vacancy Details

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**Hiring Agency:** PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**Position Title:** Administrative Patent Judge  
**Open Period:** 02/15/2014 - 03/15/2014  
**Format MM/DD/YYYY**  
**Series/Grade:** AD - 1222.00  
**Salary:** USD $135,842 - USD $167,000  
**Work Schedule:** Full-time - Permanent  
**Promotion Potential:** AD-00  
**Duty Location(s):** many Vacancies in  
- Menlo Park, CA, US  
- Lakewood, CO, US  
- Detroit, MI, US  
- Dallas, TX, US  
- Alexandria, VA, US  
**Telework Eligible:** No  
**For More Info:** Isis Thomas  
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Overview

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About

**Announcement Number:** PTAB-2014-0032

**Hiring Agency:** PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Position Title:** Administrative Patent Judge

**Open Period:** 04/15/2014 - 05/30/2014

**Format MM/DD/YYYY**

**Series/Grade:** AD - 1222.00

**Salary:** USD $135,842 - USD $167,000

**Work Schedule:** Full-time - Permanent

**Promotion Potential:** AD-00

**Duty Location(s):** many Vacancies in

- Menlo Park, CA, US
- Lakewood, CO, US
- Detroit, MI, US
- Dallas, TX, US
- Alexandria, VA, US

**Telework Eligible:** No

**For More Info:** Isis Thomas

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Overview

**Who May Apply/Clarification From the Agency:** Applications will be accepted from all United States Citizens and Nationals. This is a Non-bargaining position. More than one position may be filled.
Security Clearance Required: Public Trust - Background Investigation

Appointment Type: Permanent

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Vacancy Details

About

Announcement Number: PTAB-2014-0044
Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Position Title: Administrative Patent Judge
Open Period: 06/04/2014 - 06/21/2014
Format MM/DD/YYYY
Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00
Salary: USD $135,842 - USD $167,000
Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent
Promotion Potential: AD-00
Duty Location(s): many Vacancies in
Menlo Park, CA, US
Lakewood, CO, US
Dallas, TX, US
Alexandria, VA, US
Telework Eligible: No
For More Info: Isis Thomas
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Overview

Who May Apply/Clarification: Applications will be accepted from all United States Citizens and Nationals. This is a Non-bargaining position. More than one position may be filled.
Security Clearance Required: Public Trust - Background Investigation
Appointment Type: Permanent

Appointment Type Details: Full Time

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Relocation Expenses Reimbursed: No

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Qualifications and Evaluations

Requirements: AND

- A good understanding, both theoretical and practical, of the engineering sciences and techniques and their application to professional engineering. This can be demonstrated by one of
the following:

1. **Professional registration**— Current registration as a professional engineer by any State, the District of Columbia, Guam or Puerto Rico.

2. **Written test**— Evidence of passing the Engineer-in-Training (EIT) examination or the written test required for professional registration, administered by the Boards of Engineering Examiners in various States, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico.

3. **Specified academic courses**— Successful completion of at least 60 semester hours in the physical, mathematical and engineering sciences and including the courses specified in the basic requirements. The courses must be fully acceptable toward meeting the requirements of a professional engineering curriculum as described in paragraph A.

4. **Related curriculum**— Successful completion of a curriculum leading to a bachelor's degree in engineering technology or in an appropriate professional field, e.g., physics, chemistry, biology, architecture, computer science, mathematics, hydrology, or geology, may be accepted in lieu of an Engineering degree, provided the applicant has had at least 1 year of professional engineering experience with professional engineering supervision and guidance.

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4. Conducting and managing patent prosecution, examination or administration which demonstrates a thorough knowledge and application of patent laws and rules of practice.

**Key Requirements:**
- Complete application with all required documentation.
- Proof of bachelor or higher technical degrees and law degrees.
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- Demonstrated ability to litigate or draft decisions around patentability.
- Being a U.S. Citizen or National.
- Writing Sample (answer to Vacancy Question 11 serves as the writing sample)

**Education Requirements:** You must meet the United States Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) qualification requirements by the closing date of this announcement. To qualify for this position, you must meet the following Qualifications:

Qualifications
IMPORTANT NOTE: You are expected to furnish all required documents to ultimately qualify for the position. Unofficial undergraduate, graduate and law degree transcripts and Bar certificates can be provided if official copies are unattainable before the closing date of the announcement. Official documents will be accepted after the application is submitted.

To be considered for this position, you must possess the following:

(A) Proof of successful completion of a full 4-year course of study in an accredited college or university leading to a bachelor's or higher degree in the study of engineering, chemistry, or biology.

For an engineering degree, the curriculum must:

1. Be accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) as a professional engineering curriculum;

OR

2. Include differential and integral calculus and courses (more advanced than first-year physics and chemistry) in five of the following seven areas:
   a) statics, dynamics
   b) strength of materials (stress-strain relationships)
   c) fluid mechanics, hydraulics
   d) thermodynamics
   e) electrical fields and circuits
   f) nature and properties of materials (relating to particle and aggregate structure to properties)
   g) any other comparable area of fundamental engineering science or physics, such as optics, heat transfer, soil mechanics or electronics

OR

(B) A combination of Education and Experience. This combination of college level education, training and/or technical experience must have furnished both:

- A thorough knowledge of the physical and mathematical sciences underlying professional engineering;

Evaluations: Your resume, supporting documentation and self-assessment answers will be evaluated for required competencies and specialized experience. The self-assessment questions cover the following competencies:

- Knowledge of legal matters associated with patent prosecution, examination, litigation, and administration.
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- Best Qualified - Possessing recent exceptional experience with a background that demonstrates a superior level of knowledge, skills, abilities, and competencies required to perform the duties of the position
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Qualifications: Experience must have been at a sufficiently high level of difficulty to clearly show that the candidate possesses the required professional and technical qualifications to litigate and/or prosecute issues and to draft decisions directed to patentability.

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Other Information: If you are a male applicant born after December 31, 1959, you must certify that you have registered with the Selective Service System. If you are exempt from registration under Selective Service Law, you must provide appropriate proof of exemption. Visit the Selective Service System website for details. This is a Non-Bargaining Unit position.

This is a Public Trust position and has a risk level designation of "high." Background Investigation - If selected for this position, you may be required to complete a Declaration for Federal Employment (OF-306) to determine your suitability for Federal employment by authorizing fingerprinting, a credit check and a background investigation.

Probationary Period - If selected, you will be required to complete a two-year probationary period.

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Drug Testing - All applicants tentatively selected for this position may be required to submit to a drug test to screen for illegal drug use prior to appointment and, if appointed, the individual will be subjected to random drug testing procedures. All appointments are contingent upon a negative drug test result.

Relocation expenses will not be paid.
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Physical Location:
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Some travel to USPTO Headquarters in Alexandria, VA for initial and subsequent training may be required.

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2. Resume including: - Citizenship • Job-related qualifications • Education • Work experience (including job titles, salary, employment dates, duties and accomplishments, and how any experience relates to the competencies listed in the job announcement.) Resumes should clearly address any relevant experience in electrical, computer, mechanical technologies, and/or with data processing matters.

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Vacancy Details

About

- **Announcement Number:** PTAB-2014-0048
- **Hiring Agency:** PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
- **Position Title:** Administrative Patent Judge
- **Open Period:** 08/01/2014 - 08/30/2014
  - Format MM/DD/YYYY
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Vacancy Details

About

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Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Position Title: Administrative Patent Judge
Open Period: 08/01/2014 - 08/30/2014
Format MM/DD/YYYY
Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00
Salary: USD $135,842 - USD $167,000
Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent
Promotion Potential: AD-00
Duty Location(s): many Vacancies in
Menlo Park, CA, US
Lakewood, CO, US
Dallas, TX, US
Alexandria, VA, US
Telework Eligible: No
For More Info: Isis Thomas
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Overview

Who May Apply/Clarification: Applications will be accepted from all United States Citizens and Nationals. This is a Non-bargaining position. More than one position may be filled.
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   Format MM/DD/YYYY
Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00
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Promotion Potential: AD-00
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Telework Eligible: No
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- **Hiring Agency:** PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
- **Position Title:** Administrative Patent Judge
- **Open Period:** 08/31/2014 - 09/30/2014
  
  Format MM/DD/YYYY
- **Series/Grade:** AD - 1222.00
- **Salary:** USD $135,842 - USD $167,000
- **Work Schedule:** Full-time - Permanent
- **Promotion Potential:** AD-00
- **Duty Location(s):** many Vacancies in
  
  Detroit, MI, US
- **Telework Eligible:** No
- **For More Info:** Isis Thomas
  
  571-272-4363
  
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- **Security Clearance Required:** Public Trust - Background Investigation
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Qualifications and Evaluations

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AND

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- Writing Sample (answer to Vacancy Question 11 serves as the writing sample)

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Physical Location:
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**Format MM/DD/YYYY**
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**Work Schedule:** Part-time - Temporary  
**Promotion Potential:** AD-00  
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- Detroit, MI, US  
- Dallas, TX, US  
- Alexandria, VA, US  

**Telework Eligible:** No  
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Open Period: 10/01/2014 - 10/22/2014 Format MM/DD/YYYY  
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Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Position Title: Administrative Patent Judge
Format MM/DD/YYYY
Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00
Salary: USD $135,842 - USD $167,000
Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent
Promotion Potential: AD-00
Duty Location(s): many Vacancies in Detroit, MI, US
Telework Eligible: No
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Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00
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Vacancy Details

**About**

- **Announcement Number:** PTAB-2015-0016
- **Hiring Agency:** PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
- **Position Title:** Administrative Patent Judge
- **Open Period:** 11/29/2014 - 12/29/2014
  - Format MM/DD/YYYY
- **Series/Grade:** AD - 1222.00
- **Salary:** USD $135,842 - USD $167,000
- **Work Schedule:** Full-time - Permanent
- **Promotion Potential:** AD-00
- **Duty Location(s):** many Vacancies in Detroit, MI, US
- **Telework Eligible:** No
- **For More Info:** Isis Thomas
  - 571-272-4363
  - Isis.Thomas@uspto.gov

**Overview**

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- **Appointment Type:** Permanent
- **Appointment Type Details:** Full Time
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Qualifications and Evaluations

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OR

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Benefits and Other Info

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Probationary Period - If selected, you will be required to complete a two-year probationary period.

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OR

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**Hiring Agency:** PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**Position Title:** Administrative Patent Judge  
**Open Period:** 12/30/2014 - 01/30/2015  
**Format MM/DD/YYYY**  
**Series/Grade:** AD - 1222.00  
**Salary:** USD $135,842 - USD $167,000  
**Work Schedule:** Full-time - Permanent  
**Promotion Potential:** AD-00  
**Duty Location(s):** many Vacancies in Detroit, MI, US  
**Telework Eligible:** No  
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Overview

**Who May Apply/Clarification:** Applications will be accepted from all United States Citizens and Nationals. This is a Non-bargaining position. More than one position may be filled.  
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    Format MM/DD/YYYY
Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00
Salary: USD $137,200 - USD $168,700
Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent
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Duty Location(s): many Vacancies in
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Physical Location:
Administrative Patent Judges will work from the Detroit office.

Opportunities for telework are available from all offices. Generally, telework will not be available during the first 6 – 9 months.

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About

Announcement Number: PTAB-2015-0024
Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Position Title: Administrative Patent Judge
Open Period: 02/02/2015 - 03/02/2015
Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00
Salary: USD $137,200 - USD $168,700
Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent
Promotion Potential: AD-00
Duty Location(s): many Vacancies in
Menlo Park, CA, US
Denver, CO, US
Dallas, TX, US
Alexandria, VA, US
Telework Eligible: No
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Overview

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Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Position Title: Administrative Patent Judge
Open Period: 03/03/2015 - 04/03/2015
  Format MM/DD/YYYY
Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00
Salary: USD $137,200 - USD $168,700
Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent
Promotion Potential: AD-00
Duty Location(s): many Vacancies in
  Menlo Park, CA, US
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Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Position Title: Administrative Patent Judge
Open Period: 03/03/2015 - 04/03/2015
Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00
Salary: USD $137,200 - USD $168,700
Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent
Promotion Potential: AD-00
Duty Location(s): many Vacancies in
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Telework Eligible: No
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Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
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Open Period: 04/07/2015 - 05/08/2015
Format MM/DD/YYYY
Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00
Salary: USD $137,200 - USD $168,700
Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent
Promotion Potential: AD-00
Duty Location(s): many Vacancies in
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Overview

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**Hiring Agency:** PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**Position Title:** Administrative Patent Judge  
**Open Period:** 04/07/2015 - 05/08/2015  
**Format MM/DD/YYYY**  
**Series/Grade:** AD - 1222 00  
**Salary:** USD $137,200 - USD $168,700  
**Work Schedule:** Full-time - Permanent  
**Promotion Potential:** AD-00  
**Duty Location(s):** many Vacancies in Detroit, MI, US  
**Telework Eligible:** No  
**For More Info:** Isis Thomas  
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About

Announcement Number: PTAB-2015-0034
Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Position Title: Administrative Patent Judge
Open Period: 05/09/2015 - 06/09/2015
Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00
Salary: USD $137,200 - USD $168,700
Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent
Promotion Potential: AD-00
Duty Location(s): many Vacancies in

Detroit, MI, US
Telework Eligible: No
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OR

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- **Hiring Agency:** PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
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- **Open Period:** 06/10/2015 - 07/10/2015
  - Format MM/DD/YYYY
- **Series/Grade:** AD - 1222.00
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Transcripts must include: Applicant Name, Name of College/University, Type of Degree (e.g., Bachelor of Science), Discipline (e.g., Computer Engineering), GPA, Semester hours completed, Course names and grades • Foreign Education: Documentation for education completed outside the United States must demonstrate that the education is equivalent to that of an accredited U.S.
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Announcement Number: PTAB-2015-0043
Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Position Title: Administrative Patent Judge
Open Period: 07/10/2015 - 08/10/2015
   Format MM/DD/YYYY
Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00
Salary: USD $137,200 - USD $168,700
Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent
Promotion Potential: AD-00
Duty Location(s): many Vacancies in
   Menlo Park, CA, US
   Denver, CO, US
   Detroit, MI, US
   Dallas, TX, US
   Alexandria, VA, US
Telework Eligible: No
For More Info: Stevie L. Miller
   571-272-4527
   Stevie.Miller@uspto.gov

Overview

Who May Apply/Clarification From the Agency:
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Security Clearance Required: Public Trust - Background Investigation
Appointment Type: Permanent
Appointment Type Details: Full Time
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Qualifications and Evaluations

Requirements:  **AND**

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4. Conducting and managing patent prosecution, examination or administration which demonstrates a thorough knowledge and application of patent laws and rules of practice.

**Key Requirements:**

- Complete application with all required documentation.
- Bachelor or higher technical degrees and law degrees.
- Proof of active Bar Membership in good standing.
- Demonstrated ability to litigate or draft decisions around patentability.
- Being a U.S. Citizen or National.
• Writing Sample (answer to Vacancy Question 11 serves as the writing sample)

**Education Requirements:** You must meet the United States Office of Personnel Management’s (OPM) qualification requirements by the closing date of this announcement. To qualify for this position, you must meet the following Qualifications:

**Qualifications**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** You are expected to furnish all required documents to ultimately qualify for the position. Official undergraduate, graduate and law degree transcripts may be requested before employment. Proof of Bar Membership is due upon the closing date of the announcement. Official documents will be accepted after the application is submitted.

To be considered for this position, you must possess the following:

**(A)** Proof of successful completion of a full 4-year course of study in an accredited college or university leading to a bachelor's or higher degree in the study of engineering, chemistry, or biology.

For an engineering degree, the curriculum must:

1. Be accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) as a professional engineering curriculum;

**OR**

2. Include differential and integral calculus and courses (more advanced than first-year physics and chemistry) in five of the following seven areas:
   a) statics, dynamics
   b) strength of materials (stress-strain relationships)
   c) fluid mechanics, hydraulics
   d) thermodynamics
   e) electrical fields and circuits
   f) nature and properties of materials (relating to particle and aggregate structure to properties)
   g) any other comparable area of fundamental engineering science or physics, such as optics, heat transfer, soil mechanics or electronics

**OR**

**(B)** A combination of Education and Experience. This combination of college level education, training and/or technical experience must have furnished both:

• A thorough knowledge of the physical and mathematical sciences underlying professional engineering;
Evaluations: Your resume, supporting documentation and self-assessment answers will be evaluated for required competencies and specialized experience. The self-assessment questions cover the following competencies:

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- Knowledge of evaluating, applying, and interpreting patent law
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Your application will then be evaluated and rated by a subject matter expert panel via federal government selection procedures.

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Benefits and Other Info

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Other Information: If you are a male applicant born after December 31, 1959, you must certify that you have registered with the Selective Service System. If you are exempt from registration under Selective Service Law, you must provide appropriate proof of exemption. Visit the Selective Service System website for details. This is a Non-Bargaining Unit position.

This is a Public Trust position and has a risk level designation of "high." Background Investigation - If selected for this position, you may be required to complete a Declaration for
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Trial Period - If selected, you will be required to complete a trial period of up to two years.

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Physical Location:

Administrative Patent Judges will work from the office of the city selected.

Opportunities for telework are available from all offices. Generally, telework will not be available during the first 6–9 months.

Some travel to USPTO Headquarters in Alexandria, VA for initial and subsequent training may be required.
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Vacancy Details

About

Announcement Number: PTAB-2017-0003
Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Position Title: Administrative Patent Judge
Open Period: 11/16/2016 - 12/01/2016
Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00
Salary: USD $123,175 - USD $170,400
Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent
Promotion Potential: AD-00
Duty Location(s): many Vacancies in
Menlo Park, CA, US
Denver, CO, US
Detroit, MI, US
Dallas, TX, US
Alexandria, VA, US
Telework Eligible: No
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Appointment Type Details: Full Time

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Vacancy Details

About

Announcement Number: PTAB-2018-0002
Hiring Agency: PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Position Title: Administrative Patent Judge
Open Period: 02/02/2018 - 04/05/2018
Series/Grade: AD - 1222.00
Salary: USD $126,148 - USD $174,500
Work Schedule: Full-time - Permanent
Promotion Potential: AD-00
Duty Location(s): many Vacancies in
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Denver, CO, US
Detroit, MI, US
Dallas, TX, US
Alexandria, VA, US
Telework Eligible: No
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Summary: Please Note: This announcement has been extended to reflect a new closing date of April 5, 2018.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has been serving the economic interests of America for more than 200 years. We are responsible for granting US intellectual property rights for patents and trademarks. Our efforts have provided inventors exclusive rights over their discoveries. It is an effort that continues to contribute to a strong global economy, to encourage investment in innovation and to cultivate an entrepreneurial spirit for the 21st century. The USPTO is headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, and has over 13,000 employees, including engineers, scientists, attorneys, analysts, IT specialists, etc. all dedicated to accomplishing the USPTO’s mission, vision, strategic goals and guiding principles. For more information about the USPTO, please visit our websites at www.uspto.gov/careers

Supervisory Position: Yes
Relocation Expenses Reimbursed: No

Duties

An Administrative Patent Judge (APJ) serves as a member of the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The PTAB has authority to:

Hear and adjudicate appeals from decisions of Primary Examiners as to Patentability in patent applications and reissue and re-examination of patents

Conduct Post-Grant Review proceedings, Inter Partes Review proceedings, Derivation proceedings, and Transitional Program for Covered Business Method Patent proceedings, and declare and conduct proceedings in legacy interferences.

As and APJ, you will be expected to:

Formulate ideas and communicate them effectively to various stakeholders; and

Draft decisions regarding patentability.

Though not required, PTAB prefers candidates with 10-15 years or more of patent experience, including those who have prosecuted and/or litigated patent cases and supervised professional IP teams and/or attorneys. In addition, PTAB prefers candidates with
experience prosecuting and/or litigating electrical, computer, data processing or biotechnology/pharma patents and patent applications.

Qualifications and Evaluations

Requirements:  **AND**

A good understanding, both theoretical and practical, of the engineering sciences and techniques and their application to professional engineering. This can be demonstrated by one of the following:

1. **Professional registration**-- Current registration as a professional engineer by any State, the District of Columbia, Guam or Puerto Rico.
2. **Written test**—Evidence of passing the Engineer-in-Training (EIT) examination or the written test required for professional registration, administered by the Boards of Engineering Examiners in various States, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico.
3. **Specified academic courses**-- Successful completion of at least 60 semester hours in the physical, mathematical and engineering sciences and including the courses specified in the basic requirements. The courses must be fully acceptable toward meeting the requirements of a professional engineering curriculum as described in paragraph A.
4. **Related curriculum**—Successful completion of a curriculum leading to a bachelor's degree in engineering technology or in an appropriate professional field, e.g., physics, chemistry, biology, architecture, computer science, mathematics, hydrology, or geology, may be accepted in lieu of an Engineering degree, provided the applicant has had at least 1 year of professional engineering experience with professional engineering supervision and guidance.

**AND**

(C) Successful completion of a law degree (minimum: J.D. or equivalent).

(D) Proof of active membership of the Bar of any state, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or any U.S. territory, in good standing.

(E) Demonstration of recent, extensive and comprehensive experience with the following:
   1. Evaluating combined Intellectual Property (IP) assets and providing legal advice.
   2. Formulating ideas and communicating them effectively to various stakeholders via clear, logically-developed opinions and decisions regarding patentability.
   3. Effectively working with others.
   4. Conducting and managing patent prosecution, examination or administration which demonstrates a thorough knowledge and application of patent laws and rules of practice.

**Key Requirements:**

- Complete application with all required documentation.
- Bachelor or higher technical degrees and law degree.
- Proof of active Bar Membership in good standing.
- U.S. Citizen or National.
- Writing Sample (answer to Vacancy Question 11 serves as the writing sample)
- Must Provide a Copy of School Transcripts.

**Education Requirements:** You must meet the United States Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) qualification
requirements by the closing date of this announcement. To qualify for this position, you must be a Member in good standing of the Bar and meet the technical degree requirements outlined within the Qualification section.

Individuals with an Electrical Engineering and/or Biotechnology/pharma degree are strongly encouraged to apply.

To be considered for this position, you must possess the following:

(A) Proof of successful completion of a full 4-year course of study in an accredited college or university leading to a bachelor's or higher degree in the study of engineering, chemistry, or biology.

For an engineering degree, the curriculum must:

1. Be accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) as a professional engineering curriculum;

OR

2. Include differential and integral calculus and courses (more advanced than first-year physics and chemistry) in five of the following seven areas:
   a) statics, dynamics
   b) strength of materials (stress-strain relationships)
   c) fluid mechanics, hydraulics
   d) thermodynamics
   e) electrical fields and circuits
   f) nature and properties of materials (relating to particle and aggregate structure to properties)
   g) any other comparable area of fundamental engineering science or physics, such as optics, heat transfer, soil mechanics or electronics

OR

(B) A combination of Education and Experience. This combination of college level education, training and/or technical experience must have furnished both:

   • A thorough knowledge of the physical and mathematical sciences underlying professional engineering;

Evaluations: Your resume, supporting documentation and self-assessment answers will be evaluated for required competencies and specialized experience. The self-assessment questions cover the following competencies:

   • Knowledge of legal matters associated with patent prosecution, examination, litigation, and administration.
   • Knowledge of Patent Trial and Appeal Board jurisdiction, rules, and procedures.
   • Ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing
   • Knowledge of evaluating, applying, and interpreting patent law
   • Ability to lead people

Your application will then be evaluated and rated by a subject matter expert panel via federal government selection procedures.
Qualified applicants are assigned to one of these two categories:

- **Best Qualified** - Possessing recent exceptional experience with a background that demonstrates a superior level of knowledge, skills, abilities, and competencies required to perform the duties of the position

- **Well Qualified** - Possessing good recent experience with a background that demonstrates a satisfactory level of knowledge, skills, abilities, and competencies required to perform the duties of the position

**Qualifications:** Experience must have been at a sufficiently high level of difficulty to clearly show that the candidate possesses the required professional and technical qualifications to litigate and/or prosecute issues and to draft decisions directed to patentability.

Experience refers to paid and unpaid experience, including volunteer work done through National Service programs (e.g., Peace Corps, AmeriCorps) and other organizations (e.g., professional; philanthropic; religious; spiritual; community, student, social). Volunteer work helps build critical competencies, knowledge, and skills and can provide valuable training and experience that translates directly to paid employment. You will receive credit for all qualifying experience, including volunteer experience.

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**Benefits and Other Info**

**Benefits:** USPTO offers great benefits including paid vacation, sick leave, paid holidays, life insurance, health benefits, and participation in the Federal Employees Retirement System. Alternative Work Schedule (AWS) and telework are also available to eligible employees. For more information about USPTO benefits, click here. Visit the USPTO Careers site for information about working for USPTO.

**Other Information:** If you are a male applicant born after December 31, 1959, you must certify that you have registered with the Selective Service System. If you are exempt from registration under Selective Service Law, you must provide appropriate proof of exemption. Visit the Selective Service System website for details. This is a Non-Bargaining Unit position.

This is a Public Trust position and has a risk level designation of "high." Background Investigation - If selected for this position, you may be required to complete a Declaration for Federal Employment (OF-306) to determine your suitability for Federal employment by authorizing fingerprinting, a credit check and a background investigation.

Probationary Period - If selected, you will be required to complete a trial period of up to two years.

Relocation expenses will not be paid.

All Federal employees must receive salary payments by direct deposit.

Drug Testing - All applicants tentatively selected for this position may be required to submit to a drug test to screen for illegal drug use prior to appointment and, if appointed, the individual will be subjected to random drug testing procedures. All appointments are contingent upon a
negative drug test result.

The Ethics in Government Act of 1978, as amended, requires senior officials in the executive, legislative and judicial branches to file public reports of their finances as well as other interests outside the Government. If selected for this position you will be required to file a Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 278). The OGE 278 is available to the public. The primary purpose of disclosure is to assist agencies in identifying potential conflicts of interest between a filer's official duties and the filer's private financial interests and affiliations.

The USPTO participates in E-VERIFY. For more information on E-Verify, please visit here. http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs gc_1185221678150.shtm

Federal agencies, including the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), must provide reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. USPTO Job Applicants requiring reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process should request accommodation(s) from the USPTO at https://uspto.entellitrak.com. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

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How to Apply

**How to Apply:** All application materials become the property of the USPTO. You MUST apply online. If you need help or do not have access to a computer, contact the HR Specialist listed as the point of contact before the closing date of this job announcement.

If you have never registered for a USAJobs account, you must first create an account profile with your basic contact information and a resume. Sign in to your account to apply. For help, see the USAJobs Help Page. When you have gathered all of the required information and are ready to begin applying, click the "APPLY ONLINE" button. You will be directed away from USAJobs to the Department of Commerce's USPTO application site.

NEED HELP? If you have problems completing the online application, contact the Monster Hiring Management Help Desk at 1-866-656-6831 or by email at MGSHELP@monster.com.

To submit supporting documents during the Vacancy Open Period:
- Upload documents when you register with USAJobs, or update your application on the Department of Commerce application site accessed through USAJobs, OR
- Fax documents to 571-258-4052 using the system-generated fax coversheet.
Your application and all required documentation must be received by 11:59 p.m. EST on the closing date of this job announcement. Questions? Contact the HR Specialist listed on this announcement.

**Required Documents:** IMPORTANT NOTE: You are expected to furnish all required documents to ultimately qualify for the position. Official undergraduate, graduate and law degree transcripts may be requested before employment. Proof of Bar Membership is due upon the closing date of the announcement. Official documents will be accepted after the application is submitted.

A complete application includes the following documents submitted BY THE CLOSING DATE of this announcement:

1. Cover Letter explaining, at a minimum, your interest in the position and your first preference for office location (if interested in multiple locations).

2. Resume including: • Citizenship • Job-related qualifications • Education • Work experience (including job titles, salary, employment dates, duties and accomplishments, and how any experience relates to the competencies listed in the job announcement.) Resumes should clearly address any relevant experience in electrical, computer, data processing or biotechnology/pharma patents and patent applications.

3. Responses to self-assessment questions. Answers to questions not fully supported by your resume may result in rating adjustments. Also, any experience claimed in a cover letter should also be substantiated by your resume.

4. Education Documentation • Transcripts: As part of the recruitment process, MUST provide a copy of school transcripts.

5. Proof of active Bar Membership (Good Standing)

**Next Steps:** You will receive a notice generated by the USAJobs System when you have successfully submitted your application. After all application packages have been received, we will review your application and transcript(s) (if you are qualifying based on education) to ensure you meet the basic qualification requirements. We will evaluate each applicant who meets the basic qualifications on the information provided and you may be contacted for follow-up supplemental documentation. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide any supplemental documents or information requested by the Office of Human Resources within the allocated timeframes. Failure to submit requested documents or information within 5 business days of receiving the request may result in your application not receiving further consideration. You can check the status of your application by logging into USAJobs (http://www.usajobs.gov). You may also sign up to receive automatic emails anytime the status of your application has changed by logging into your USAJobs Account, editing your profile and changing the 'Notification Settings' to indicate that you want to be notified by email when the status changes. Information regarding the status of your application should be updated in the system within 2 weeks after the closing date of this job announcement.

You will receive notification through USAJOBS at each of the following points during the applications process: (1) application received; (2) applicant assessed for qualifications; (3) applicant referred or not referred; and (4) selected or not selected.
This is a Federal job application system. Providing false information, creating fake IDs, or failing to answer all questions truthfully and completely may be grounds for not hiring, for disbarment from Federal employment, or for dismissal after the applicant begins work. Falsifying a Federal job application, attempting to violate the privacy of others, or attempting to compromise the operation of this system may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (US Code, Title 18, section 1001).
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The Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) provides a dynamic environment and a premier group of colleagues who work collaboratively to decide cases on the cutting edge of technology and patent law. The PTAB offers these high caliber work opportunities and allows judges to achieve work-life balance and high job satisfaction.

**What is the PTAB?**

**Areas of the PTAB’s jurisdiction include:**
- Appeals from adverse examiner decisions in patent applications and reexamination proceedings.
- AIA trial proceedings.
- Interferences.

**Basic Qualifications**

- Many years of experience in the practice of patent law (prosecution, litigation, or both).
- Degree(s)/work experience in science or engineering.
- Preferred experience in handling of patent matters in the areas of electrical engineering, software, data processing.
- Must be able to work collaboratively (typically, in 3 judge panels).
- Must have excellent written and oral communication skills and excellent legal reasoning skills.
- Must have basic proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite, including Word and Outlook, and Adobe Acrobat.

**Current Judge Staffing**

*As of April 2014*

- **AIA**: 39%
- **Ex parte Appeals**: 3%
- **Inter Partes Reexamination Appeals**: 10%
- **Management**: 40%
- **Interferences**: 8%

*All judges begin with a docket of ex parte appeals. Assignments to other areas are based on need.*

**Benefits**

USPTO’s comprehensive Federal benefits package rivals those offered by top U.S. corporations. Our balanced work-life package includes:
- Flexible work schedules including telework
- Paid Leave: starting with 13 days of vacation, 13 days of sick leave
- Health Benefits Plan and Retirement Package
- Gain-Sharing Bonuses
- 10 Paid Holidays Each Year
- Transit Subsidy

**PTAB’s Hiring Process**

Application Review & Selection > Interviews > Recommendation to the USPTO Director > Recommendation to the Commerce Secretary > Approval by the Secretary > Notification of Selection > Preliminary Offer > Preliminary Background Check > Formal Offer (including compensation and start date) > Acceptance

*“The transition from private practice to the Board has been welcome in many ways, but one of the most pleasant aspects has been the collegial atmosphere here.” — Administrative Patent Judge Matt Clements, Silicon Valley Office*
Administrative Patent Judge
AD-1222
All Locations

I. Introduction

This position is located in the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). The Administrative Patent Judge serves under the administrative direction of a Lead Administrative Patent Judge, the Vice Chief Patent Judge and the Chief Administrative Patent Judge. The Administrative Patent Judge (APJ) is a member of the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) as authorized under Section 7 of Title 35, U.S. Code, amended by Public Law 106-113.

II. Judicial Duties

Serves as a member of the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), Patent and Trademark Office.

Participates in the appellate and administrative matters of the Board. Exercises independent judgment subject to administrative and policy direction of the Chief Administrative Patent Judge of the Board and/or the Under Secretary and Director.

Reviews adverse decisions of examiners upon applications for patents and determines priority and patentability of invention in interferences.

Reviews any decision adverse to the patentability of any original or proposed, amended or new claim of a patent in an ex parte or inter partes reexamination.

Serves as an expert and patent specialist on the Board as called upon in any appropriate case and performs related work in the discharge of duties.

An Administrative Patent Judge, upon written appeal of an applicant, will review adverse decisions of examiners upon applications for patents and shall determine priority and patentability of invention in interferences declared under 35 U.S.C. 135 (a). Each appeal and interference shall be heard by at least three members of the Board.

III. Executive Duties

Responsible for all management and supervision of the Chamber in the Section of the Board in which they are assigned.

Demonstrates executive level experience in directing, supervising and evaluating the activities of a professional, technical and legal organizational unit called a Chamber. Along with the other Judges in the Chamber, the Judge will supervise the Patent Attorneys and the Paralegals as well as manage the pendency and workflow within his/her Chamber and a Section of the Board to which the Chamber or the Judge is assigned to achieve the Board’s key objectives.
Within a distributed resource management system, Judges have the collective responsibility for managing the oversight and allocation of decision support resources to achieve the overall PTAB organization goals as well as the Section and Chamber goals.

Routinely exhibits the ability to delegate assignments as well as motivate subordinate individuals. Applies a positive demeanor toward job functions, resulting in a pleasant working environment and collaborative efforts. Demonstrates an executive level of effective oral and written communication.

Responsible for collectively achieving the PTAB’s fiscal year requirements as well as achieving the key PTAB goals and objectives.

Responsible for achieving all board objectives, including Pendency, Quality, Productivity and Timeliness.

Knowledge of technical subject matter associated with patent appeals and litigation-related proceedings such as interferences and ex parte or inter partes reexamination proceedings. This factor includes formal education, training, professional experience, and professional recognition in one or more of the following technical subject areas: electrical technology, mechanical technology, computer technology, biological technology, chemical technology, biotechnology, and business methods technology. This factor includes the ability to effectively apply technical education, training and professional experience in resolving complex technical issues.

Knowledge of legal principles associated with patent appeal and litigation-related proceedings. This factor includes formal education, training, professional experience, and professional recognition in relevant patent law principles involved in patent appeals and litigation-related proceedings. This factor includes the ability to effectively apply legal education, training and professional experience in resolving complex patent law issues.

Demonstrated ability to be highly productive and meet established time constraints while producing exceptionally high quality work products. This factor includes the ability to be industrious and to meet and exceed productivity standards; the ability to work under time constraints and to meet and exceed established deadlines; and demonstrated ability to consistently produce exceptionally high quality work products that are thorough and accurate both technically and legally.

Demonstrated ability to effectively work in groups to resolve complex technical and legal issues. This factor includes the ability to be able to work effectively and efficiently with others in achieving a stated goal; the ability to effectively and efficiently serve in the roles of team leader and team member; and the ability to maintain a judicial demeanor at all times while interacting with others in a group environment.

Demonstrated oral and written communication skills. This factor includes the ability to effectively communicate orally regarding complex technical and legal issues. The factor additionally includes the ability to effectively communicate in writing regarding complex
technical and legal issues; the ability to fully comprehend the complex technical and legal issues discussed in a work group and to accurately communicate the agreed upon analyses and conclusions both orally and in writing.

IV. Educational Requirements

Must have a law degree from an ABA accredited law school and be an active member of the bar in good standing of any state, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or any territorial court under the U.S. Constitution.

Must have a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited undergraduate college or university and a high degree of demonstrated competence in one or more of the following technical subject areas: electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, computer technology, biological technology, chemical technology or biotechnology.

V. Supervision and Guidance

As an integral part of the management team, the incumbent of this position is responsible for carrying out the mission of the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). The incumbent will serve as the first line supervisor for the Patent Attorneys and Paralegals within his/her Chambers. The incumbent will be responsible for the ratings of all of his/her direct reports during the performance appraisal period.

The Administrative Patent Judge serves under the general administrative direction of the Chief Administrative Patent Judge. The Administrative Patent Judge is considered an expert and patent specialist and performs a wide variety of assignments commensurate with his/her legal, technical, and executive expertise.

VI. Security Designation and Drug Testing Requirement (if applicable)

Place the security designation here, as well as any drug testing requirements.