

PIUG 2010 Annual Conference Workshops

USPTO Classification Workshops

Two independent workshops on Thursday, May 6. Both are free.

9:30-11:30am – What's Going on at PTO Related to Classification and Search

1:00-3:00pm – Case Studies in the Chemical, Electrical and Mechanical Disciplines

Abstract

Terry Mackey and Steve Melnick, from the classification division at the USPTO, have again agreed to do a US Patent Classification workshop. By popular request, the 2010 USPC workshop will take a deeper dive into the USPC. The goals are to explore more thoroughly the classification structure, and to improve patent classification search skills.

The workshop will be divided into 2 independent sessions. The morning session will cover at a high level (a) what's going on at PTO related to classification and search to answer the questions how is USPC used at USPTO, what's new, what are the international classification activities, and (b) an overview of basic USPC concepts. In the afternoon session, case studies in the Chemical, Electrical and Mechanical disciplines will be presented.

Presenters

Terrence Mackey, International Liaison Staff, Search and Information Resources Administration, United States Patent and Trademark Office. Terry attended the University of Wisconsin where he earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Materials Science and Engineering. During his 20-plus-year tenure at USPTO, he has worked as a patent examiner and patent classifier, as well as served as project manager for the development of electronic tools and business processes related to United States Patent Classification (USPC) activities. Terry has also worked as a patent analyst in the USPTO Office of Electronic Information Products' Patent Technology Monitoring Division which is responsible for producing numerous reports of patent activity and trends. Since 2004, when he joined the International Liaison Staff, Terry has worked on both USPC and International Patent Classification (IPC) reclassification activities, and in particular efforts to harmonize USPC information with the IPC system.

Steve Melnick, International Technical Project Specialist, United States Patent and Trademark Office, International Liaison Staff. Steve works on the USPTO team that is responsible for matters relating to improving the intellectual property document collection search experience via national, tri-lateral, Five IP Office and International Patent Classification projects. The team is also responsible for internal consulting on classification and information technology, quality assurance on contracted classification work and classification outreach. He holds an Electrical Engineering Degree with minors in Mathematics and Physics from Cleveland State University Fenn College of Engineering and an Information Management Master Certificate from George Washington University. His other experience at USPTO includes computer art Patent Examiner (1986-1992), Patent Classification Project leader (1992-1995) and information technology Product Manager (1995-2007).