

# Patent Public Advisory Committee Meeting

## Legislative Update



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# Active IP Legislation & Congressional Reports

## **IP Legislation Highlights:**

- AIA Technical Corrections
- Implementing legislation for the Patent Law Treaty (PLT) and Geneva Act of the Hague Design Treaty
- USPTO-CJS FY 2013 Appropriations

## **Congressional Reports:**

- Report on Second-Opinion Genetic Diagnostic Testing (Due to Congress: June 16, 2012)
- Various Appropriations (FY12 and expected FY13) Required Reports including: economic and national security; IG recommendations; quality; IT improvements; TM squatting



# Congressional Hearings

## Recent:

- **Prior User Rights Defense – February 1, 2012**  
House Judiciary, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet
- **FY 2013 Appropriations – March 1, 2012**  
House Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science
- **Implementation of Leahy-Smith America Invents Act –May 16, 2012**  
House Judiciary Committee

## Upcoming:

- **Implementation of Leahy-Smith America Invents Act and International Harmonization Efforts – June 20, 2012**  
Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing
- **International IP Enforcement: Protecting Patents, Trade Secrets and Market Access – June 27, 2012**  
House of Representatives Subcommittee Hearing



# Outreach to Stakeholders and Congress

- **“Day in the Life”** – Structured visits for Congressional Staffers
- Congressional Staff Meetings/Briefings Ongoing on Various issues
  - Satellite offices
  - Updates on AIA implementation
  - International outreach and negotiations (in particular, WIPO treaties/negotiations)
  - Hague and PLT Implementing Legislation
  - Other issues
- Upcoming Roadshows on the Final Rule Packages (Sept. 10 – Sept. 28)
- First Inventor to File (FITF) Roundtable (at USPTO, date TBD)





*Thank you.*

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