

Widener University 
Delaware Law School

TWO EXPERTS AND TWO TOPICS

An Update on the Patent Cooperation Treaty

and

Professional Responsibility and Practice before the USPTO

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

12:00 to 2:00 pm

**Widener University Delaware Law School, 4601 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803
Barristers' Club**

12:00 – 12:30 pm *Lunch*

12:30 – 1:00 pm *Update from WIPO: recent and future developments with the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)*

Matthew Bryan, Director of WIPO's Patent Cooperation Treaty Legal and User Relations Division, will discuss recent and future developments with the Patent Cooperation Treaty. Over the past 44 years, the PCT has become an essential tool in the international patent system. Matthew will describe where the World Intellectual Property Organization is hoping to take the PCT in the future.



Matthew Bryan has served as Director of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Legal and User Relations Division at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) since 2004. He is responsible for providing PCT legal and strategic advice to users, providing PCT legal advice to the staff of the PCT Services Department, advising PCT Contracting States on legal issues relating to their roles and responsibilities under the PCT, and maintaining and publishing the PCT legal and informational texts, such as the Treaty and Regulations, the PCT Applicant's Guide (updated weekly) and the PCT Newsletter (monthly).

1:00 – 2:00 pm *Professional Responsibility and Practice Before the USPTO*



Will Covey, Deputy General Counsel and Director for the Office of Enrollment and Discipline for the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), will address topics in ethics, professional responsibility, and pro bono practice before the USPTO.

As Deputy General Counsel, Mr. Covey is responsible for ensuring that the nation’s patent attorneys and agents are of good moral character and sufficiently knowledgeable to practice before the USPTO. Mr. Covey’s team of attorneys and other professionals develops and administers a registration examination designed to measure an applicant’s knowledge of patent law and practice. Successful applicants are registered to practice by OED. In addition, OED investigates complaints of unethical conduct made against individuals practicing patent or trademark law before the USPTO.

1.5 CLE credits (including 1 enhanced ethics credit) available in Delaware and Pennsylvania. New Jersey attorneys may self-report.

PAYMENT INFORMATION – On-line registration is REQUIRED at delawarelaw.widener.edu/uspatent.

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Course materials will be distributed electronically.

For questions or for accessibility issues or special needs requests, contact Carol Perrupato at caperrupato@widener.edu.