



## Intellectual Property: Assessing Current and Proposed Reforms in Patent, Trademark, and Copyright

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Administrative issues in patent, trademark, and copyright law recently have been receiving attention. Various patent reform bills propose to give the Patent and Trademark Office substantive rulemaking authority and to create post-grant opposition proceedings for patents. The increasingly active role of the International Trade Commission in granting exclusion orders on patented goods entering the country raises interesting questions regarding that agency's relationship with the PTO and also with the Federal Circuit, which reviews both agencies. In the copyright arena, the Copyright Office's administration of various provisions of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act has been the subject of much discussion. This panel of distinguished intellectual property lawyers, judges, agency officials, and scholars will address both current administrative procedures and proposed administrative reforms. The roundtable discussion will focus on comparing and contrasting the administrative regimes in patent, copyright, and trademark.



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### Panelists:

**Katherine M. Basile**, Partner, Howrey LLP, East Palo Alto, CA

**John Duffy**, Professor of Law, The George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC

**The Honorable Timothy Dyk**, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Washington, DC

**Craig A. Nard**, Professor, Case Western University School of Law, Cleveland, OH

**Marybeth Peters**, U.S. Register of Copyrights, Washington, DC

**James A. Toupin**, General Counsel, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Alexandria, VA

### Moderator:

**Arti K. Rai**, Professor, Duke University School of Law, Durham, NC

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