

Significant Changes to U.S. Trademark Practice: The Trademark Modernization Act of 2020

On Thursday, February 24, 2022, AIPF hosted a WebIPHour entitled "Significant Changes to U.S. Trademark Practice: The Trademark Modernization Act of 2020." Kelu Sullivan, *Kelly IP*, and Blair Barbieri, *Hovey Williams*, discussed the Trademark Modernization Act of 2020 ("TMA") that went into effect, providing two new tools for individuals, businesses, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") to clear away unused trademark filings based on inaccurate claims of use in U.S. commerce. The TMA further provides for discretionary shortened Office Action deadlines, expanded grounds for Letters of Protest, and clearly restores the presumption of irreparable harm to be applied to trademark infringement cases. This presentation will discuss the most impactful changes set forth in the TMA.

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Computer Implemented Inventions (CIIs)

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This article is to provide an outline of the key parameters in major jurisdictions regarding computer implemented inventions so that the attorney, particularly when drafting patent applications for their own jurisdiction, which may need to be extended to other jurisdictions, such as using the international patent cooperation treaty, can be aware of key issues at the priority date and therefore potentially avoid those issues later.

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