

Perkins Coie Appoints Jessica Kaiser as Firmwide Co-Chair of Post-Grant Practice

SEATTLE (March 8, 2024)—Perkins Coie is pleased to announce that Jessica Kaiser, an Intellectual Property partner and former lead administrative patent judge at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), has been appointed as firmwide co-chair of the Post-Grant Proceedings practice, effective March 4, 2024. Jessica, based in the Denver office, will join Babak Tehranchi, a Patent Prosecution partner in the San Diego office, in leading the national group within the firm's Intellectual Property practice.

During her more than seven-year tenure at the USPTO, Jessica presided over hundreds of cases before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), handling both ex parte appeals and America Invents Act (AIA) trials. She played a key role in PTAB and agency reforms, including implementing new agency rulemaking and a pilot program for motions to amend patent claims in AIA trials. Jessica currently serves as the vice chair of the PTAB Bar Association Women's Committee and is a member of *Law360's* Intellectual Property Editorial Advisory Board and the Intellectual Property Owners Association's U.S. Post-Grant Patent Office Practice Committee.

The internationally recognized Intellectual Property practice at Perkins Coie comprises more than 275 lawyers and agents in the United States and Asia, with more than 80% holding STEM degrees, including 60 with STEM master's degrees and 30 with PhDs. The firm's PTAB practice is among the largest in the nation, having handled over 650 *inter partes* reviews (IPRs), including for seven of the top 10 most active IPR petitioners. The firm also has one of the country's best records on behalf of its IPR clients, as acknowledged by *Intellectual Asset Management* for the best record on behalf of PTAB respondents from 2013 to 2022.

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