



**Tuesday, October 20**  
**9:00 am–10:30 am**

## **205 Meet the USPTO Brass**

**Lynne Beresford**  
*Commissioner for Trademarks*  
United States Patent and Trademark Office

**Robert Budens**  
*President*  
Patent Office Professional Association

**Jonathan Dudas**  
*Partner*  
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**Alex Sousa**  
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## Faculty Biographies

### **Lynne Beresford**

Lynne G. Beresford is the commissioner for trademarks for the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO,) in Alexandria, VA. Ms. Beresford is the chief operating officer of the Trademark Organization. She is responsible for the production and quality of the work produced by Trademark, examining attorneys, paralegals and support staff. She is responsible for implementation of the Trademark e-government goals of full electronic processing of all work within the Trademark Organization and increased use of e-filing systems by customers. She also oversees the award-winning Trademark Work at Home Program.

Ms. Beresford previously was part of the Office of Legislation and International Affairs, her portfolio included trademarks, geographical indications, and domain names. She chaired meeting of the World Intellectual Property Organization's (WIPO's) standing committee on trademarks, industrial designs, and geographical indications. Ms. Beresford also previously served as president of the Trademark Office Society (now NTEU 245), the union representing examining attorneys, and then chief negotiator for the union.

Ms. Beresford was instrumental in the adoption of the Uniform Dispute Resolution Procedure as part of her work in the founding of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN). She was also lead negotiator for the United States at the diplomatic conference that created the Singapore Treaty.

Ms. Beresford holds a JD from Rutgers, State University of New Jersey.

### **Robert Budens**

Robert D. Budens is president of the Patent Office Professional Association (POPA) in Alexandria, VA, the Federal labor union representing the approximately 6,500 patent examiners and other patent professionals at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). POPA is responsible for negotiating collective bargaining agreements and representing employees in grievance and disciplinary matters involving the USPTO.

Prior to becoming POPA's president, Mr. Budens served as a member of its executive committee. While a member of the executive committee, Mr. Budens served on a number of negotiating committees and as POPA's chief negotiator for automation issues. Mr. Budens began work at the USPTO as an examiner in the biotechnology examining group, examining patent applications dealing with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), as well as applications involving human autoimmune diseases. He also holds the position of PhD level primary examiner.

Mr. Budens received his BS and MS from Brigham Young University and his MS from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

**Jonathan Dudas**

Jonathan Dudas is a partner with Foley & Lardner LLP, in Washington, DC, where he works with the intellectual property and public affairs practices.

Mr. Dudas joined Foley as former under secretary of commerce for intellectual property and director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. In this role, Mr. Dudas advised the President of the United States, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Administration about intellectual property matters and administered the laws of granting patents and trademarks and led the \$2 billion agency and its nearly 10,000 employees. As head of the world's leading intellectual property (IP) office, Mr. Dudas also developed and articulated administration positions on patent, copyright, and trademark issues, both domestic and foreign. As the nation's top IP official, Mr. Dudas led an unprecedented number of intellectual property cooperation and development missions throughout the world to improve IP systems and help innovators establish and enforce IP rights globally. Mr. Dudas led a dozen delegations to China on behalf of the United States. He negotiated and concluded US-China agreements with the leaders of the Patent Office (SIPO), the Trademark Office (CTO) and the Copyright Office (GAPP) in China. Mr. Dudas also served as counsel to the U.S. House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, and staff director and deputy general counsel for the House Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Dudas obtained his BS, summa cum laude, from the University of Illinois and his law degree from the University of Chicago, with honors.

**Alex Sousa**

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InfoPak. August 2008

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Intellectual Property Primer - Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights, and Trade  
Secrets - An Introduction to Intellectual Property for In-House Counsel 3rd  
Edition.

Infopak. July 2008

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