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Jean Witz joined the USPTO in 1988 as a Patent Examiner and examined a variety of applications covering subject matter as diverse as cosmetics, pharmaceuticals and therapeutic treatments. In 2000, she was awarded a Bronze Medal for superior federal service, and in 2005, she was awarded an Exceptional Career Award for exceptional performance and service. In 2001, Ms. Witz also earned AIPLA recognition for outstanding contribution to the integrity of intellectual property law.

In 2006, she was selected as the Appeals Specialist for Technology Center 1600, where she participated in all pre-appeal conferences, as well as a large number of appeal conferences, and served as point of contact for the Technology Center with regard to matters related to appeal. In 2007, Ms. Witz became a Quality Assurance Specialist. During that year, she was invited to speak at the Chemical Practice Committee of the AIPLA at the annual meeting held in October and in 2008 and again in 2010 participated in visits to intellectual property groups in Seattle, San Francisco, San Diego and Boston. During the summer of 2010, she worked with the Office of Governmental Affairs, focusing on patent reform legislation.

Ms. Witz earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 1981 and her Masters of Science degree in Biology in 1985, both from George Washington University, in Washington, D.C. She returned to George Washington University to earn her J.D. in 1994. Prior to coming to the PTO, she was a Study Coordinator for Hazleton Laboratories (now Covance) where she monitored toxicology studies and wrote reports for FDA submission. She also has over twenty-five years experience as an instructor at the university and college level and currently teaches Biology and Intellectual Property for the University of Maryland University College.