

# THE NAPLES ROUNDTABLE

Exploring Ways To Strengthen and Improve the Patent System

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Dear Ms. Jenkins:

At the dawn of a new era under the Trump Administration, The Naples Roundtable is taking advantage of changed leadership to launch a detailed study of patent issues that have not been fully addressed. In parallel with the PPAC's greater emphasis on user/stakeholder outreach, we plan to address issues that were seemingly neglected in post-Kappos era. We have a particular focus on finding ways that Patent Examiners can be better rewarded for quality work, while also getting a better grasp on § 120 and RCE refilings.

PPAC could help us by providing access to POPA agreements and understandings POPA has with the Office, to better see what changes can realistically be made to improve the functioning of the patent system.

Very truly yours,

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