

Practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is constantly evolving -- all the more so since the advent of the Internet and its various technologies. With the attention paid to high profile legal cases such as the Microsoft antitrust litigation and the now famous Blackberry case, many changes are being implemented as to how inventors and their companies acquire intellectual property rights as well as how they defend against claims of such rights. Inventors, attorneys, and corporations must all learn to adjust to these changes. Currently, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is planning on implementing significant changes in its practice. Ms. Lieberman will speak about current developments in patent practice and how implementation of proposed new rules will affect both current and future practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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