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While at the USPTO, Terry led the agency through the implementation of the America Invents Act (AIA). She was actively involved in writing the regulations implementing the new inter partes review, covered business method review, and post-grant review proceedings created by the AIA, and she negotiated numerous IP issues with foreign officials. Terry was the senior official responsible for the administration’s formulation and implementation of U.S. intellectual property policies, including patent, trademark, copyright, and trade secret issues.

Terry focuses her practice on U.S. and international IP policy issues and disputes, complex patent litigation and inter partes administrative proceedings, trade secrets protection and enforcement, IP infringement and validity opinions, IP licensing, counseling, and patent portfolio development, management, and monetization. She works with clients in many industries including life sciences, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, chemicals, medical devices, publishing, healthcare, and others. Terry advises clients on privacy, piracy, trademarks, issues related to generic top-level domains (gTLDs), and trade secrets matters.

In her role with CMI, Terry advises clients on copyright reform, trade secrets rulemaking, and on the important IP and dispute resolution chapters of trade agreements.

Terry is the former president of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) and the National Inventors Hall of Fame. Prior to establishing her private legal practice, Terry was a patent attorney for a multinational chemical company. She is also a licensed pharmacist. She obtained her J.D. from Wayne State University, and her B.S. from the University of Michigan.

Government Experience

- U.S. Patent & Trademark Office-Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director (2011-2013; Acting Under Secretary and Acting Director, Feb.-Sept. 2013)

Admissions/Affiliations

Admitted to practice: District of Columbia, Virginia (practice limited to patents, trademarks, copyrights and unfair competition causes), Michigan, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Other Affiliations

- President, American Intellectual Property Law Association (2008-2009)
- President, National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc. (2006-2007)
- American Bar Association, Intellectual Property Law Section Council (2002-2006)
- Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Chair, PTC Law Section (1994-1995)
- Biotechnology Section Chair/Executive Council, American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (1995-1996)
- Treasurer, National Council of Intellectual Property Law Associations (1999-2001)
- State Bar of Michigan, Intellectual Property Law Section Member
- Virginia State Bar, Intellectual Property Law Section Member
- D.C. Bar, Intellectual Property Law Section

Education

- University of Michigan, B.S. (1976)
- Wayne State University Law School, J.D. (1980)