

Andrea Wellington

Ms. Wellington attended University of Michigan and Lawrence Technological University where she received her B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1988 and later graduated with a J.D. from George Washington University Law School in 1993. She joined the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in 1988 as a Patent Examiner in Group 350 (now Technology Center 3600) examining applications in the Clutch and Transmission technologies and was hired as a Supervisory Patent Examiner in the USPTO in 1997 managing a manufacturing technology art unit in Technology Center 3700. She has served in various detailed positions within the agency since joining the USPTO, including the Office of Petitions, the Office of PCT, the Office of Patent Information Management, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, and the Office of Patent Training. In 2005, she was responsible for the creation and development of the Patent Hiring Center and served as its first Operations Manager in support of Patents' expansive hiring operations. Ms. Wellington was assigned in 2006 as a SPE in Technology Center 2600 over the Dynamic Memory devices and later served as an Acting Technology Center Director in that TC. She also served as the Deputy General for Patents for the 2008 and 2009 Combined Federal Campaigns. Recently, she served on a nine month detail at the non-profit organization, Partnership for Public Service, where she led many projects serving the federal government as a whole. In 2015, Ms. Wellington began a detail in the Office of Patent Quality where she focuses on the development and implementation of projects associated with the USPTO's Enhanced Patent Quality Initiative. Ms. Wellington is a recipient of many awards including a National Performance Review Award, two Department of Commerce Bronze Medal Awards, an Exceptional Career Award and a Leadership in Action Award for superior service as a manager.