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Tariq joined the USPTO in 1992 as a patent examiner and in 2012 became a Group Director for Technology Center 2600 specializing in Communications. Tariq led efforts to revamp the initial After Final Consideration Pilot to 2.0 to include increase in collaboration between the examiner and applicant. He is also a lead for examiner Interview Practice that recently launched an Interview Specialist position to assist both internal and external stakeholders as well as increasing communication between the examiner and applicant. Prior to USPTO, he worked in software development at Computer Sciences Corporation for over three years. Tariq earned a bachelor's degree in physics from the College of William and Mary with graduate work in electrical engineering from Virginia Tech.