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Prior to joining Powell Goldstein, Jeff spent over ten years with the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO), including a two-year assignment to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative in Geneva, Switzerland. In Geneva, Jeff represented the United States on intellectual property issues before the World Trade Organization and the World Intellectual Property Organization. He was the Chief U.S. negotiator for the 1996 WIPO Copyright treaties and participated in WTO dispute settlement proceedings on behalf of the United States involving the TRIPS Agreement. Jeff was also instrumental in initiating work within WIPO on the use of information technologies in the administration of patent systems.

Before serving in Geneva, Jeff worked in the PTO Office of Legislative and International Affairs, where he authored the patent examination guidelines governing software and governing utility of therapeutic inventions. He also helped draft the 1994 White Paper on Intellectual Property and the National Information Infrastructure, and assisted in the legislative and regulatory implementation of the TRIPS Agreement. He negotiated the intellectual property provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and has served as intellectual property expert for the United States in numerous trade and environmental negotiations. Initially, Jeff was a biotechnology patent examiner with responsibility for evaluating pharmaceutical and diagnostic protein-based inventions.

Jeff is a frequent lecturer on domestic and international intellectual property policy issues, particularly those relating to patents in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. He is also a member of the adjunct faculty of the George Washington University, where he has taught courses on international and comparative patent law and on biotechnology patent policy.