

USPTO Economics Projects



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Focus: Primarily Internal Market

- Overarching policy research questions
 - 1) What are the patent-system ramifications of changes in the *American Invents Act of 2011*?
 - Mix of internal (organization) and external (system) questions, e.g.; post-grant review – work, production, operations, costs and revenues
 - 2) What are the pressing unmet needs?
 - E.g., patent “trolls”



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News > Technology > Smartphone patent wars

Obama takes aim at 'patent trolls'

White House outlines measures against 'patent trolls' – but defenders say they will be hard to curb

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Patent reform

Obama goes troll-hunting

The president proposes a new round of intellectual-property reform

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THE solitary, lumbering trolls of Scandinavian mythology would sometimes be turned to stone by exposure to sunlight. Barack Obama is hoping that several measures announced on June 4th will have a similarly paralysing effect on their modern incarnation, the patent troll.

According to this saga of intellectual-property misanthropy, these creatures roam the business world, buying up patents and then using them to demand extravagant payouts from companies they



Charles Arthur and agencies
guardian.co.uk, Wednesday 5 June 2013 15.45 BST



The President's Executive Order includes:

- **Expanding Dedicated Outreach and Study.** ... Engagement with stakeholders — including patent holders, research institutions, consumer advocates, public interest groups, and the general public — is also an important part of our work moving forward.
 - an expansion of our outreach efforts
 - an expansion of the USPTO Edison Scholars Program, which will bring distinguished academic experts to the USPTO to develop — and make available to the public — **more robust data and research** on the issues bearing on abusive litigation.



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Job Opening Details

Type of Position:

Other

Job Classification(s): K 1 0

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Visiting Scholars

- ❑ Thomas Alva Edison Visiting Scholars Program
 - Patent litigation
 - Patent quality
 - International patent harmonization
 - USPTO Software Partnership
 - Patent disclosure



Data Releases

- ❑ Trademark case files
- ❑ Trademark assignments
- ❑ Patent assignments
- ❑ Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) application and transaction history data
- ❑ USPTO and US Census Bureau collaboration products
- ❑ Smaller “tailored” datasets
 - Time series of abandon applications and active patents by classification



Reports & Working Paper Series

- ❑ *Patent Backlogs, Inventories and Pendency: An International Framework* (June 2013 with UKIPO)
- ❑ Working Papers:
 - *Estimating the Sensitivity of RCE Filing Behavior to PTO Fees* (forthcoming)
 - *What is behind the growth in trademark filings? An analysis of United States data* (forthcoming)
 - *Perspectives on the Growth in Chinese Patent Applications to the PTO* (2014)
 - *Allowance Rate and Allowance “Propensity”* (2014)
 - *Renewal Study of US Trademark Registrations* (2014)