



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Office of the General Counsel

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VIA EMAIL

Mr. Gary Shuster
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Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. F-17-00099

Dear Mr. Shuster:

This is the Agency's response for your request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) for a copy of:

1. Any document written by or on behalf of Michelle Lee constituting a resignation from office, a request to withdraw a resignation from office, or a request to retain her position.
2. The most current document identifying the Director of the USPTO or, if there is no director, the acting director of the USPTO.
3. Any written instructions received between January 20, 2017 and the date of this request regarding deletion of any data from web sites operated by or on behalf of the USPTO, including USPTO.com

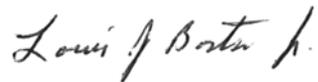
In the alternative, you may satisfy this request by simply answering the following question: Who is the current director or acting director of the USPTO?

While there is no requirement under the FOIA to answer a question, as a matter of administrative discretion, the Agency is responding that Michelle K. Lee is the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

You may contact the FOIA Public Liaison at 571-270-7420 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

You have the right to appeal this initial decision to the Deputy General Counsel, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. An appeal must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. See 37 C.F.R. § 102.10(a). The appeal must be in writing. You must include a copy of your original request, this letter, and a statement of the reasons why the information should be made available and why this initial denial is in error. Both the letter and the envelope must be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louis J. Boston Jr.".

Louis J. Boston Jr
USPTO FOIA Officer
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