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Colman Ragan is currently Vice President & General Counsel, North America Intellectual Property Litigation at Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. In his role, Mr. Ragan oversees the North American IP litigation team, handling litigations both as the innovator and as the patent challenger. Mr. Ragan's duties at Teva also involve assisting the Government Affairs function on legislation relating to IP. Mr. Ragan has been at Teva since 2006. Before joining Teva, Mr. Ragan was at Allergan (formerly Actavis), where he managed IP litigation and assisted with policy work. Before going in-house, Mr. Ragan was an associate at Kenyon & Kenyon LLP from 2003-2007, and at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP from 2007-2013, where he focused mainly on Hatch-Waxman litigation. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Mr. Ragan was a research scientist at Pfizer, Inc. in Groton, CT from 1997-2000, where he worked in drug discovery and process development.



Andrei Iancu – Sullivan & Cromwell LLP

Andrei Iancu is a partner at Sullivan & Cromwell and one of the leading voices in intellectual property law and innovation policy. He is a former Undersecretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property in the U.S. Department of Commerce and former Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), a position to which he was confirmed unanimously by the Senate. Andrei has decades of experience representing plaintiffs and defendants in IP matters across the technical and scientific spectra, including medical devices, genetic testing, therapeutics, the Internet, telephony, TV broadcasting, video game systems and computer peripherals. He represents clients in litigation and trials before the district courts, the U.S. International Trade Commission and the USPTO, the Federal Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court, and also counsels clients on obtaining, licensing, enforcing and defending against IP rights globally.



Chris Israel is a Senior Partner at ACG Advocacy and is also the co-lead of the firm's technology and intellectual property group.

He joined ACG in 2010, after serving in the George W. Bush Administration as Deputy Chief of Staff to the Secretary of Commerce and later becoming the first U.S. International Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator.

At ACG Advocacy, Chris works with a diverse range of clients including some of the largest and most innovative companies in the world to support their efforts to build a policy environment in the U.S. that promotes and protects their investments in intellectual property. He has also developed a unique focus leading a coalition of top venture capitalists and innovative startups to pursue a policy agenda that has led to improvements in tax policy, investments in R&D, and strengthening patent protection.

Chris maintains a leadership profile working on IP and innovation issues and has been a frequent public speaker and has testified before Congress multiple times both as an Administration official and since he left public service. He was previously named one of the 50 "Most Influential People on IP" by Managing Intellectual Property magazine.

His international experience in government, particularly in working with China, has enabled him to successfully engage clients on global trade and technology matters ranging from the negotiations of trade agreements, tariff policy, and engaging international organizations. His client relationships have included automakers, global manufacturing companies, shipping companies, and Chinese e-commerce and social media platforms seeking to better understand the U.S. market.

Chris' experience leading coalitions has also included serving as Executive Director of the musicFIRST Coalition during the lead-up to the passage of the landmark Music Modernization Act. During this time he was named to Medium's inaugural "Power 10" list of music policy leaders.

Within ACG Advocacy, he provides guidance on the firm's day-to-day interaction with all its clients and helps lead ACG's extensive policy research team. He has also launched the firm's podcast focused on policy trends and developments in Washington.

Earlier in his career, Chris worked on international policy issues at Time Warner where he was part of a team that supported then-CEO, Gerald Levin, to develop the Global Business Dialogue on E-Commerce a ground-breaking global organization of CEOs from the U.S., EU, and Asia that developed industry best practices on matters such as online privacy, cross border data flows, and online taxation.

Prior to Time Warner, he served on Capitol Hill as a legislative aide to U.S. Representatives Jan Meyers (R-KS) and Todd Tiahrt (R-KS).

Chris received his B.A. from the University of Kansas and an M.B.A. from The George Washington University.



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David Kappos is Co-Chair of Cravath's Intellectual Property Practice. He is widely recognized as one of the world's foremost leaders in the field of IP, including IP management and strategy, the development of global IP norms, laws and practices as well as commercialization and enforcement of innovation-based assets.

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Laura Sheridan – Google

Laura Sheridan is Head of Patent Policy at Google, advocating for an effective patent examination process, a patent litigation system that operates fairly for all participants, and transparency in these areas. She has shared her views on patent issues in numerous policy dialogues, including testifying before Congress on the intersection of AI and patents. Her patent policy work is shaped by years of private practice experience in patent prosecution, litigation, due diligence, and post-grant practice before the Patent Office.

An active member of the IP community, Laura is part of the Intellectual Property Owners Association delegation to IP5 Industry, a group which engages on procedural harmonization matters with the IP5 Offices (the Offices of China, Europe, Japan, Korea, and the US). Laura also helped to form the New York chapter of CHIPs and is a member of the Advisory Board for the NYU Law Engelberg Center on Innovation Law & Policy. Laura studied mechanical engineering at Cornell University and received her J.D. from Fordham Law School.