

Speaker Biography

James Housel

Jim joined the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a patent examiner in the Chemical Engineering group in 1982. During his ten years as a patent examiner, Jim handled a variety of technologies and also served a detail in the Office of Petitions. He then served as a Supervisory Patent Examiner in the Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Technology Center, supervising several units in the immunology group. As a USPTO manager, Jim was active in examiner recruitment, patent classification, and restriction practice. He has been an active lecturer at the USPTO's Patent Training Academy for new examiners throughout his tenure with the USPTO. After fourteen years as a supervisor, Jim is now working in the Office of Intellectual Property Policy and Enforcement, specializing in Patents. He is currently leading training efforts on patents for international officials. Mr. Housel earned a BS degree in Chemical Engineering, an MS in Systems Engineering, a law degree from the George Washington University School of Law, and is licensed to practice in Virginia.