



## Building Blocks of Innovation: U.S. Patent Law - Three Perspectives on How Recent Changes Will Impact Area Inventors

Examine the practical implications of the new U.S. patent reform law and how the changes will impact you. The program is designed to help inventors and engineering managers mitigate risks, protect their inventions, and adapt their research and business practices to this new law. On a more targeted level of interest to every innovator, the program will explain the new processes by which an invention is patented, and whether that invention infringes on a competitor's product. Learn how you and your company can better respond to key patent issues:

- How "The Americans Invents Act" has dramatically altered U.S. patent law and practice
- Strategies for moving the patent process along more quickly in the United States
- In the U.S. Courts: Full disclosure required of inventors under penalty of law, and more
- Protecting your invention abroad

**Individual consultations will be available at the program close for those interested.**

### About the speaker

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