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Janis Long is an attorney in the USPTO's Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Trademark Examination Policy. Her duties include providing legal guidance about the federal trademark registration process, maintenance requirements for registrations, and the petition process to both internal and external customers. Janis prepares decisions on letters of protest and petitions to the Director including petitions where international applications have been refused certification. She also provides legal support to other areas of the Office including the Intent to Use unit and Pre-examination. Janis is actively involved in current efforts to improve the trademark electronic filing system and petitions processing. Janis has represented the USPTO in Geneva numerous times at the Standing Committee Meeting on Trademarks at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

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