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Robert L. Stoll is a partner on the firm's Patent team and co-chair of the Intellectual Property Practice Group.

Bob retired from the USPTO as Commissioner for Patents at the end of 2011 after a distinguished 34-year government career. He was instrumental in the passage of landmark patent legislation, the America Invents Act, and lauded for his efforts to reduce patent pendency and improve patent quality. Having risen from the rank of examiner to lead the 8,000-employee organization, he has spent his career improving the intellectual property system. He focused on educating the public, applicants, corporations and foreign governments on the criticality of intellectual property to economic growth and job creation and stressed the importance of a comprehensive understanding of the complex intellectual property laws to best use the system to protect an invention.

Having led the PTO's legislative efforts, the international group, the training academy and the enforcement initiative, Bob has a deep understanding of domestic and foreign intellectual property law. He developed and delivered programs worldwide to educate foreign officials and the public. He was instrumental in the development and analysis of legislation concerning all areas of intellectual property and was one of the country's leaders in establishing the U.S. government's positions on international issues related to intellectual property. He also helped develop and plan USPTO strategic goals, objectives and priorities, and served as a liaison with patent and trademark bar groups and academic and scientific communities.

Practices

Intellectual Property
Patents

Industries

Intellectual Property
International

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia
Maryland
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Education

Catholic University of America,
J.D.
University of Maryland,
B.S. Chemical Engineering

In General. Bob was the 2012 recipient of *Managing Intellectual Property* magazine's lifetime achievement in intellectual property award. He is currently serving a three-year term as a member of the Federal Circuit Advisory Council.

He earned his law degree from Catholic University while working at the USPTO. He received his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Maryland.