

Questions for Dallas Recruitment IP-focused Info Sessions

September 2015

1. I am a(n):
 - Engineer
 - Law Student
 - Patent Agent
 - Patent Attorney
 - Patent Researcher
 - Other (Please specify.): _____
2. Are you a Veteran?
3. Current employment status
 - Actively seeking new employment
 - Passively seeking new employment
 - Seeking information only
4. What degree(s) do you have? Please select all that apply.
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 - Bachelor's or master's in computer engineering
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 - Bachelor's or master's in electrical engineering
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 - Bachelor's or master's in mechanical engineering
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 - Juris Doctor
5. How many years of intellectual property experience do you have?
 - None
 - 1 - 2
 - 3 - 5

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- 6 - 9
- 10 or more

6. What intellectual property experience do you have? Please select all that apply.

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- Patent Law
- Patent Prosecution
- Patent Research
- Patent Agent
- Other
- N/A

7. How did you hear about USPTO's IP-focused Info Session, "An Evening with USPTO: Where IP, Technology and Law Intersect"? (check all that apply)

- USPTO.gov
- Local Bar/ Law Association
- LinkedIn
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Friend, Colleague or Family Member
- Law School Career Center
- Other

8. On which day did you attend an Info Session?

- September 10th in Austin
- September 16th in Houston
- September 17th in Dallas

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9. Were your expectations for the info session met?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

10. After attending the info session, are you willing to consider a position with the USPTO?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided
- Other (Please specify.)

11. Why or why not?

- Pay
- Location
- Culture
- Benefits
- Feeling that my work as a Patent Examiner will make a difference
- Other (Please specify.)

12. If you are willing to consider a position with the USPTO, are you also willing to relocate and live/work in the Dallas, TX, area?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

13. For the following questions, please rate your experience on a scale of 1 – 10, with 1 being a poor experience and 10 being an exceptional experience.

- How well do you think the info session educated you about the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)?
- How well do you think the info session educated you about career opportunities at the USPTO?
- How well did the info session hold your attention?
- Did you walk away with more and/or new information about IP protection and patent law – from the perspective of USPTO – than when you arrived?
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- Were your specific questions about USPTO, our work and career opportunities in Dallas answered?
- Did you walk away with a greater understanding of the free tools and resources available to Texas region inventors than when you arrived?

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14. What recommendations do you have, if any, to improve future info sessions tailored to those with IP experience?
15. What other types of information should have been provided to help you learn more about the USPTO and its employment opportunities?
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16. What communications channels should we use to advertise future recruitment events and job opportunities at the USPTO? (check all that apply)
 - USPTO.gov
 - USPTO.gov/careers
 - Facebook
 - LinkedIn
 - Twitter
 - Email Blasts
 - Newsletters
 - Job Boards
 - Special Speaking Engagements
 - Legal and Bar Associations
17. What media publications do you read/ consume the most? Name your top three:
18. In your own words and based on your experience with us in September, is there anything memorable that differentiates USPTO's recruiting and outreach activities to the IP community from those of other government agencies and/or private companies?
19. What additional information, feedback or comments would you like to share?

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