



Valencia Martin Wallace

Valencia Martin Wallace is Deputy Commissioner for Patent Quality. She was appointed to this newly-created position in January 2015. In her role as Deputy Commissioner for Patent Quality, Ms. Martin Wallace manages and leads the Patent Organization's quality initiatives. She is responsible for improving the high quality of the USPTO's patent examination processes and products by implementing and maintaining a comprehensive quality management system. As part of her twenty-two year career at the USPTO, she recently served as Assistant Deputy Commissioner (ADC) for Patent Operations from 2011-2015. In the position, Ms. Martin Wallace oversaw operations in the software technology centers, served as executive co-lead on the implementation of the AIA First-Inventor-to-File statutory framework, and led the development and implementation of the Office of Patent Examination Support Services, which centralized the Technical Support Staff in a manner that allowed for greater efficiency and effectiveness.

Ms. Martin Wallace is a graduate of Howard University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, and The George Washington University School of Law, where she earned a Juris Doctorate. She has also received a certificate in Advanced Public Administration from Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Public Administration.