

**TITLE**

The Patent Bar Gender Data File

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**ABSTRACT**

This article describes the first public gender-matched dataset of attorneys and agents registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and of attorneys of record on patents granted by the USPTO. Also presented are the methodologies used to produce the dataset, as well as descriptive statistics and early findings. This analysis is timely in view of recent renewed interest in the participation of women in the U.S. innovation ecosystem, notably the direction of Congress that the USPTO study diversity, including gender diversity, among patent applicants, and of recent research by the National Women's Business Council on usage of the U.S. patent and trademark systems by U.S.-based women entrepreneurs. Analysis of gender data on the patent bar complements these studies and begins to provide a more complete picture of diversity in the U.S. patent system.