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Tour the USPTO

Thursday, June 18, 2009 tour at SLA Annual Conference 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Take the mystery out of the patent process while viewing some of the earliest US patent items/inventions. We'll start the day with a buffet breakfast at the Conference Center. Martin Finston, Alcatel-Lucent patent attorney, will provide an overview of the patent process and how Information Professionals can add value to their customers during this process. Attendees will then take a bus to the USPTO in Alexandria, VA, where USPTO personnel will detail the process for a patent application submitted to the USPTO through approval or rejection. Attendees will be on their own for lunch in the USPTO cafeteria or Old Town (recommendations will be provided). The USPTO museum and gift shop will be open during lunch. The afternoon will include tours of the main USPTO library, a choice of Technology Centers, and the Public Search space.

Register via the SLA Annual Conference form.

Ticket price: $25

Questions? Contact Dee Magnoni at dianna.magnoni@olin.edu

Schedule of Tour:

8:30 am Meet at a conference room at Conference center - Continental breakfast or coffee

9:00 am Presentation by Martin Finston, PhD, JD, Alcatel-Lucent patent attorney: An overview of the patent process and how Information Professionals can add value to their customers during this process.

10:00 am Bus to USPTO in Alexandria, VA

11:30 am A presentation on the process for a patent application when it is submitted to the USPTO to approval or rejection.

12:30 - 2:30 pm Lunch on your own in either the USPTO cafeteria or Old Town, USPTO museum and store.

2:30 pm Three tours: the Main USPTO Library, a choice of one Technology Center, and the Public Search space.

4.00 pm Bus back to DC conference center.

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