

Speaker Biography



Herbert C. Wamsley, Executive Director Intellectual Property Owners Association

Herbert C. Wamsley has been Executive Director of Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO) in Washington, DC since 1983. IPO is a trade association with about 200 corporate members from all major industries that own patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. More than 10,000 individuals are involved in the association through their companies or as law firm or individual inventor, attorney or executive members.

Mr. Wamsley is the IPO chief executive and a registered lobbyist with the U.S. Congress. He is also editor of the *IPO Daily News*, which summarizes every precedential patent and trademark opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Before he came to IPO, he was employed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as a patent examiner, legislative and international attorney, chief of staff to the head of the agency, and director of trademark examining. He received a J.D. degree from Georgetown University, where he was an editor of the law review, and an L.L.M. degree from George Washington University. His undergraduate degree was in electrical engineering. He is a member of the District of Columbia and Virginia bars.

He serves on the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Intellectual Property, which advises the U.S. Trade Representative and the U.S. Department of Commerce on trade-related IP issues. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of BNA's *Patent, Trademark and Copyright Journal* and the Advisory Council on Intellectual Property of Franklin Pierce Law Center.

Mr. Wamsley has received writing awards from John Marshall Law School and the Patent and Trademark Office Society. He was the 2002 recipient of the Patent and Trademark Office Society's Federico Award, given for service to the patent and trademark systems.