

# Iancu Says Greater Clarity Is Driving Force In USPTO Changes

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Law360 (November 30, 2018, 7:35 PM EST) -- [U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Director Andrei Iancu](#) told Law360 in an interview Thursday that the many changes he has spearheaded during his busy first year in office should provide a clearer landscape where patentees and the public know better how patent disputes might play out.

Iancu, the former managing partner at [Irell & Manella LLP](#) who was **confirmed** to lead the agency in February, said there is a common theme in the initiatives he has undertaken, including seeking to expand prior art available to examiners and aligning the claim construction standard in America Invents Act reviews with the one used in district court.

"Overall, the key for our IP systems is for them to be reliable and predictable," Iancu said before giving a speech at the Intellectual Property Awareness Summit at Columbia University in New York. "So a lot of things that we've done and that we're working on are to drive toward increased reliability, increased predictability, increased quality and the like."

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