Former Google Exec Will Lead U.S. Patent Office

The U.S. Senate has confirmed former Google executive Michelle Lee to head the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, a position that has been vacant for more than two years, reports Reuters.

She was confirmed by an unrecorded voice vote in the full Senate,more than a week after the Senate Judiciary Committee passed along her nomination.

Lee, a former deputy general counsel and head of patents and patent strategy at Google, had been the acting director of the office. She started with the agency in 2012 as the first director of the patent office's Silicon Valley outpost, according to the report.

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