

Top Google Lawyer Calls for U.S. Patent Reforms

“Google’s general counsel Halimah DeLaine Prado in a company blog post Thursday called for revamping the American patent system, sounding alarms over what she called a decline in the quality of U.S. patents and a rise in “shakedown campaigns” by so-called patent trolls,” reports Blake Brittain in Reuters.

“DeLaine Prado told Reuters the patent system has “historically been a place where the advancement of progress and technology for the benefit of the public is encouraged,” adding, “we feel that we lost our way recently on that.” Her post said Alphabet Inc’s Google supports a bill in Congress to expand an administrative process for challenging patent validity at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office known as inter partes review.”

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