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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EPISODE OF VORYS IP PODCAST FEATURES USPTO TEXAS REGIONAL DIRECTOR HOPE SHIMABUKU

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In the latest edition of the of the Vorys IP podcast, guest host Carey Jordan is joined by the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO) Texas Regional Director Hope Shimabuku. As regional director, Hope carries out the strategic direction of the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO, and is responsible for leading the Texas office. Prior to joining the office, Hope had nearly two decades of experience as an engineer and intellectual property attorney.

This special episode is a continuation of Vorys' efforts to honor women during Women's History Month. Throughout this episode, Carey and Hope discuss women in innovation and what efforts the USPTO is taking in this regard. According to USPTO statistics, fewer than 20 percent of all U.S. patents today list a woman as an inventor.

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Links to the reports referenced in this episode can be found below:

- USPTO Diversity in innovation: Best Practices
- High Tech Law Institute: Diversity in Innovation Best Practices Guide
- Progress and Potential - A profile of women inventors on U.S. patents
- Progress and Potential - A profile of women inventors on U.S. patents (2020 Update)

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