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Joe Papovich serves as the Assistant Trade Representative for Services, Investment and Intellectual Property in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. His responsibilities include supervising such activities as implementation of, and further negotiations regarding, the General Agreement on Trade in Services ("GATS") and the Agreement on Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property ("TRIPS") in the World Trade Organization. Joe also oversees preparation of the annual "special 301" report regarding the degree to which other countries provide adequate and effective protection of intellectual property, the negotiation of bilateral investment treaties, and U.S. participation in the negotiation of the services, investment and intellectual property provisions in the FTAA and APEC.

Joe has worked at USTR since 1982, negotiating trade agreements and resolving trade problems in many areas. Over this period, he has served as Assistant USTR for Industry, Deputy Assistant USTR for Intellectual Property, and Deputy Assistant USTR for Industry, Senior Agricultural Trade Policy Advisor, chief U.S. negotiator on "safeguards" in the Uruguay Round trade negotiations, Director of Steel Trade Policy and Director of Middle Eastern Affairs. Joe's first responsibility at USTR, in 1982, was USTR's liaison to organized labor.

Prior to 1982, Joe was employed by the U.S. Department of Labor. He is married and has two children.