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QUALITY TASK FORCE

Purpose : To identify the most important and accurate indicia essential for a quality patent, and to implement measures to gauge this indicia and improve patent quality.

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DEFINITION OF A QUALITY PATENT

Quality Patent : A patent (a) for which the record is clear that the application has received a thorough and complete examination, addressing all issues on the record, all examination having been done in a manner lending confidence to the public and patent owner that the resulting patent is most likely valid; (b) for which the protection granted is of proper scope; and (c) which provides sufficiently clear notice to the public as to what is protected by the claims.



DEFINITION OF A QUALITY PATENT

Quality Patent : For purposes of the task force, the definition of a quality patent does not include the economic value of the resulting patent.



QUALITY TASK FORCE GOALS

Two Task Force Goals

- To work jointly with the Patent Community
- To provide the strongest quality patents possible in the shortest time



INITIAL STEPS

- Federal Register Notice Requesting Public Comment
- Gather/Evaluate Previous Quality Studies
- Public Roundtable