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The *inter partes* reexamination became effective on November 29, 1999 under AIPA, and is applicable to “original applications” filed on or after November 29, 1999 (see MPEP 2611).

*Inter partes* review (IPR) is effective from September 16, 2012 and applicable to any patent granted before, on or after the effective date, September 16, 2012, (see 77 Fed. Reg. 7041) i.e., IPR applies to patents granted on pre November 29, 1999 patent applications, while *inter partes* reexamination is not applicable to such patents.

**Is *inter partes* review applicable to patents granted on patent applications filed before November 29, 1999?**

Please clarify.

Best regards,  
-Rao

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