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There are pros and cons to the idea of recording Examiner interviews. We heard some of them today during the Q&A from the floor and the report-outs from the brainstorming sessions. But it is by no means clear that even if all interviews were recorded, and the recordings or transcripts made of record, that this would lead to greater clarity of the record. Knowing word-for-word what was said at an interview may raise as many issues as it resolves with respect to, for example, claim scope or proper claim construction. Transparency should not be confused with clarity.

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