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# Patent Public Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting

## Subject Matter Eligibility Update

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# Themes from Public Comments on the July Update to the IEG

- Suggested areas of improvement, but considered the July 2015 Update a positive step in clarifying examination procedures for eligibility
- Prima facie case and the role of evidence
- Application of the 2014 IEG in the examining corps
- How examiners identify abstract ideas
- The role of preemption in the eligibility analysis/the use of the streamlined analysis
- Specific criticism or suggestions for clarifying the published examples

# Federal Circuit Developments since July Update

- *Ariosa v. Sequenom*, petition for rehearing *en banc* denied
- *Mortgage Grader v. First Choice Loan Services* - precedential
- Ten non-precedential decisions

# PTO Actions

- Abstract Idea Workshop II
- Life Science Examples
- Instructions regarding Office Actions
  - Thorough reasoning and appropriate consideration of applicant's reply
  - Consistency across examining corps

# Questions and Comments

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