

Notices of Allowance in Business Methods

| Fiscal Year | Allowance Rate |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| FY2008 | 14.4% |
| FY2009 | 12.7% |
| FY2010 | 22.2% |
| FY2011 | 23.0% |
| FY2012 | 27.7% |
| FY2013 | 32.4% |
| FY2014 | 27.4% |
| FY2015 | 10.4% |
| FY2016 | 6.2% |
| FY2017 (Thru August) | 12.7% |

The above Business Methods Practice Area Allowance Rate percentages per fiscal year are currently trending towards the allowance rates achieved prior to *Bilski v. Kappos* (decided June 28, 2010). The allowance rate was calculated as the number of notices of allowance divided by the number of disposals (including Request for Continued Examination disposals) for each period for fiscal year 2008 through August 2017.