

Topic Submission for Patent Quality Case Study

Subject: Proper Language and Grammar in Office Correspondence

Office Actions issued by the USPTO differ widely in format and presentation. There do not appear to be any minimal or defined standards for the presentation of Office correspondence. Additionally, many Office Actions have serious grammatical errors in the English language. As a result, the quality of Office correspondence appears low to the recipient and there is no uniformity in how rejections are formulated.

Why is it not possible for the USPTO to define and assert minimal standards for drafting Office correspondence in English? Does the USPTO have basic grammar and spell checking options for Examiner's drafting correspondence on behalf of the Office?

It would be very helpful if the USPTO did a case study on how varied the quality of writing in Office Actions are, and to promulgate minimal standards in this regard.

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