

We have seen patent applications where the USPTO Examiner does his or her own search in Examination of a US priority application and ignores the results of the PCT contractor searcher and/or the PCT contractor searcher does his or her own search and ignores the results of the USPTO Examiner. This is very frustrating when the search results and conclusions are not only inconsistent but were proximate in time. There should be better internal coordination and knowledge sharing between USPTO Examiners and PCT contractor searchers. This would make an excellent area for study. Plus, if the USPTO wants to be a first class International Searching Authority ISA or improve its examination of US applications, it behooves itself to get this straight.

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