

I would suggest evaluating whether the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review has had the desired effect of avoiding protracted prosecution and helped to significantly alleviate the burden on the PTAB. In particular, I would suggest looking at the extent to which certain Art Units, or examiners generally, give due consideration to PABRR arguments when under no duty to inform applicants of the results of PABRR conferences.

Potential goals of the study may be to evaluate whether an Advisory Action requirement or other measures might be worthwhile to increase the effectiveness of the program.

Thanks and regards,
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