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General Comment: I disagree with the proposal to limit the number of permitted continuing applications. This is only going to lead to more appeals which the US Patent Office is in no position to handle, especially if post grant opposition comes in to being.

Applicants often have to take the narrower allowed claims from the first or second continuation for business reasons. Then they go for the broader claims in subsequent continuations.

I encourage the Patent Office to reduce its backlog but I resent this attempt to lessen the work of the USPTO at the expense of my client's right to patent his or her invention.