

Standing Order: Executive Summary 8 March 2011

Overview

The Standing Order has been modified and updated. Significant changes are outlined below.

Significant Changes

- ¶ 10.1 Interference Web Portal is the default mode for filing
- ¶ 10.3 Hand-filed and boxed correspondence delivery goes to Madison East Room 9B55-A
- ¶ 10.5 Interference direct telephone line – 571-272-4683
- ¶ 12.1 Copies of authority cited – authority reported on the Board’s web site need not be filed or served
- ¶ 105 Electronic filing – updated to reflect the Interference Web Portal as the default mode for filing
- ¶ 105.2.1 Time to file – parties may stipulate to file papers no later than 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time
- ¶ 105.3 Service – parties may stipulate to additionally serve papers via electronic mail; parties may stipulate to serve papers via e-mail no later than 6:00 p.m. Pacific Time
- ¶ 106.4.3 Papers served but not filed – parties may stipulate to serve papers no later than 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time
- ¶ 121.2 (¶ 122.2) Page limits in motions, oppositions and replies – greater page limits; however, the limits include the required statement of facts in support of the motion, opposition or reply

- ¶ 121.4.1 (¶ 122.3.3) Reference to facts made in motions, oppositions and replies – a party may refer to a numbered fact, however the party must also cite to the underlying evidence
- ¶ 122.6 Declaration evidence in support of a reply needs Board authorization (See also SO ¶ 157.7)
- ¶ 124.3 Demonstrative exhibits must be filed prior to oral argument
- ¶ 124.4 The Board will provide transcription service for oral argument
- ¶ 126 Settlement discussions – conference call to Board no longer required; parties must file a statement that discussion was had
- ¶ 154.3.2 Unless otherwise ordered, only one paper set of exhibits must be filed
- ¶ 154.3.3 Papers such as orders, motions, and oppositions must not be filed as exhibits, but may be cited by paper number
- ¶ 155.1.4 A separate notice of service for supplemental evidence must be filed
- ¶ 205.1.1 A party requesting that a settlement agreement be kept separate from the file of Interference shall e-mail the agreement to BoxInterferences@USPTO.GOV

Deletions

Requirement for sending a facsimile (previously ¶ 10.6)

Requirement for parallel citations (previously ¶ 12.2)

Explanation of claim scope (previously ¶ 200.1)