

**Thank you for permitting me to participate in your roundtable discussion.**

**My suggestions, for your considerations are:**

**1) Permitting the third party challenge,**

**The time period for the notification of the prior art by a third-party is very limited. It is not unusual for a third-party to notice that a patent application is going through the process without due search for the existing prior art.**

**Recommendation**

**The period for filing third-party prior art should be extended so that relevant prior art can be submitted until the allowance is mailed. Since, ultimately it is the examiner who decides on the allowance of any claim, suppressing any information because of the time limitation can lead to a potentially costly re-examination.**

**Stream lining the process**

**The inventors should submit 10 Key words that summarizes the salient points of the invention in the order of the importance 1-10, with the number 1 being the most important key word**

**This makes it possible to search a number of prior art and rank them for the examiner.**

**Implementing these steps will streamline the working of the examiner and makes the process more efficient.**

**2) Suggestion for the Quality control of the examiner.**

**The allowance statistic of each examiner should be reviewed for irregularities. For example, when an examiner only generally allows applications after he or she is reversed on appeal, the examiner should be further investigated**

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