



Private PAIR Change: Assignments Tab

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is making a change to the way Private PAIR retrieves Assignment information. This technical modification will result in a more-reliable system. Beginning on December 5, 2009, the Assignments tab will be displayed for all Private PAIR users. Previously, the tab was only displayed when Assignment data was available.

Information displayed in the Assignments tab will vary depending on whether there is Assignment data for the application. If there is Assignment data available, that information will be displayed (see Fig. 1).

Fig. 1: Screenshot of Private PAIR Assignments tab when Assignment data is available.

Select New Case	Application Data	Transaction History	Patent Term Adjustments	Continuity Data	Foreign Priority	Fees	Published Documents	Address & Attorney/Agent	Assignments
Assignments Data									
Patent Assignment Abstract of Title									
Total Assignments: 1									
Application #:	Filing Dt:	Patent #:	Issue Dt:						
PCT #:		Publication #:	Pub Dt:						
Inventors:									
Title:									
Assignment: 1									
Reel/Frame:	Received:	Recorded:	Mailed:	Pages:					
Conveyance:									
Assignors:				Exec Dt:					
				Exec Dt:					
				Exec Dt:					
Assignee:									
Correspondent:									

Sample of Assignments Tab template: Patent Assignment information has been removed.

If there is no Assignment data available, the message "Assignment data does not exist" will be displayed (see Fig.2).

Fig. 2: Screenshot of Private PAIR Assignments tab when no Assignment data is available.

Select New Case	Application Data	Transaction History	Address & Attorney/Agent	Assignments	Publication Review
Assignments Data					
Assignments data does not exist					
For Application Number:					
<i>Disclaimer:</i>					
<i>Assignment information on the assignment database reflects assignment documents that have been actually recorded.</i>					
<i>If the assignment for a patent was not recorded, the name of the assignee on the patent application publication or patent may be different.</i>					
<i>If you have any comments or questions concerning the data displayed, contact OPR / Assignments at 571-272-3350</i>					

Note: If there is an error retrieving information from the Assignments database, the message "Assignments server is not available, try again later." will be displayed.

PAIR Support

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