

Comment 1

Subject: New amendment practice -- DRAWINGS

I believe that attaching official (formal) copies of drawings to Amendments -- rather than supplying them in a separate letter to the Official Draftsperson -- will result in lots of problems.

The drawings are likely to be at least damaged, if not destroyed or lost, particularly when attached to bulky Amendments.

Comment 2

Subject: New amendment practice -- WITHDRAWN claims

It's my understanding that when an Amendment is filed, if the number of independent claims or total number of claims as a result of the Amendment exceed the number(s) previously paid for, additional fees are required, and that "withdrawn" but still pending claims count in making this determination.

This being the case, in the new procedure, would the PTO object to reciting the full text of the claim after the status identifier "(withdrawn)"?

The purpose would be to facilitate the calculation of claiming fees -- otherwise, people will still have to dig through the file to look at the "withdrawn" claims to check their dependency status etc.

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