

Sir/Madam:

As a registered patent attorney, I am in favor of the proposed rule change to provide for the replacement of files that can not be located at the USPTO. In particular, this rule change would be most helpful when the file wrapper for an issued patent can not be located as happens all too frequently. As you know, the information in issued patent file wrappers in many cases is a critical tool to determining the scope of the patent claims and properly advising clients.

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