

Chapter 2600 Optional Inter Partes Reexamination

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The optional *inter partes* reexamination procedure was added to the existing *ex parte* reexamination procedure on November 29, 1999 in the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (the AIPA), Public Law 106-113, app. I, title IV, 113 Stat. 1501, 1501A-552 through 1501A-591. [Sections 311 – 318](#) of title 35 of the United States Code were added by the AIPA and were subsequently amended on November 2, 2002 by Public Law 107-273, div. C,

title III, subtitles A and B, 116 Stat. 1758, 1899 through 1906. The Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (the AIA), Public Law 112-29, 125 Stat. 284, was enacted on September 16, 2011 and replaced the optional *inter partes* reexamination procedure with the *inter partes* review process. Pursuant to the AIA, the Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012 (see [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#)), but instead accepts petitions to conduct *inter partes* review. For any *inter partes* reexamination filed prior to September 16, 2012, the provisions of [35 U.S.C. 311](#) – [35 U.S.C. 318](#) as they were in effect prior to September 16, 2012 continue to apply to the *inter partes* reexamination proceedings.

Guidance on the optional *inter partes* reexamination procedure is no longer being reproduced in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP). For more information on the former practice, see revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

The *ex parte* reexamination option is still available. See [MPEP §§ 2209](#) to [2296](#) for guidance on the procedures for *ex parte* reexamination proceedings.

2601.01 Flowcharts [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2602 Citation of Prior Art [R-01.2024]

Citations of prior art continue to be allowed under [37 CFR 1.501](#). See [MPEP §§ 2202](#) through [2206](#) and [2208](#) for the manner of making such citations and Office handling of the same. However, the Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012, and therefore any filed citation of prior art under [37 CFR 1.501](#) will only be processed in accordance with [37 CFR 1.902](#) in an *inter partes* reexamination request filed prior to September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is

available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2603 - 2608 [Reserved]

2609 *Inter Partes* Reexamination [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2610 Request for *Inter Partes* Reexamination [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 7 of the 8th Edition of the MPEP.

2611 Time for Requesting *Inter Partes* Reexamination [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 7 of the 8th Edition of the MPEP.

2612 Persons Who May File a Request [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 7 of the 8th Edition of the MPEP.

2613 Representative of Requester [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012.

See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2614 Content of Request for *Inter Partes* Reexamination [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 7 of the 8th Edition of the MPEP.

2615 Fee for Requesting *Inter Partes* Reexamination [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 7 of the 8th Edition of the MPEP.

2616 Substantial New Question of Patentability/Reasonable Likelihood That Requester Will Prevail [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 7 of the 8th Edition of the MPEP.

2617 Statement in the Request Applying Prior Art [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 7 of the 8th Edition of the MPEP.

2618 Copies of Prior Art (Patents and Printed Publications) [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012.

See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 7 of the 8th Edition of the MPEP.

2619 Copy of Printed Patent [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 7 of the 8th Edition of the MPEP.

2620 Certificate of Service [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 7 of the 8th Edition of the MPEP.

2621 [Reserved]

2622 Address of Patent Owner [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2623 Withdrawal of Attorney or Agent [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2624 Correspondence [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former

practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2625 Untimely Paper Filed Prior to First Office Action [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2626 Initial Processing of Request for *Inter Partes* Reexamination [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 7 of the 8th Edition of the MPEP.

2627 Incomplete Request for *Inter Partes* Reexamination [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in the original 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2628 [Reserved]

2629 Notice of Request for *Inter Partes* Reexamination in *Official Gazette* [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 7 of the 8th Edition of the MPEP.

2630 Constructive Notice to Patent Owner [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in the original 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2631 Processing of Request Corrections [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in the original 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2632 Public Access [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2632.01 Determining If a Reexamination Request Was Filed for a Patent [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2633 [Reserved]

2634 Fee Processing and Procedure [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2635 Record Systems [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2636 Assignment of Reexamination [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2637 [Reserved]**2638 Time Reporting [R-01.2024]**

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2639 [Reserved]**2640 Decision on Request [R-01.2024]**

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2641 Time for Deciding Request [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in the original 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2642 Criteria for Deciding Request [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2643 Claims Considered in Deciding Request [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2644 Prior Art on Which the Determination Is Based [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2645 [Reserved]**2646 Decision Ordering Reexamination [R-01.2024]**

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2647 Decision Denying Reexamination [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former

practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2647.01 Examples of Decisions on Requests [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2647.02 Processing of Decision [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2648 Petition From Denial of Request [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2649 - 2653 [Reserved]

2654 Conduct of *Inter Partes* Reexamination Proceedings [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2655 Who Reexamines [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former

practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2656 Prior Art Patents and Printed Publications Reviewed by Examiner in Reexamination [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2657 Listing of Prior Art [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2658 Scope of *Inter Partes* Reexamination [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2659 *Res Judicata* and Collateral Estoppel in Reexamination Proceedings [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2660 First Office Action [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2660.01 [Reserved]**2660.02 The Title [R-01.2024]**

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2660.03 Dependent Claims [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2661 Special Status for Action [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2662 Time for Response and Comments [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2663 [Reserved]**2664 Mailing of Office Action [R-01.2024]**

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2665 Extension of Time for Patent Owner Response [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2666 Patent Owner Response to Office Action [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2666.01 Amendment by Patent Owner [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2666.02 Correction of Patent Drawings [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2666.03 Correction of Inventorship [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2666.04 Fees for Adding Claims [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2666.05 Third Party Comments After Patent Owner Response [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2666.06 Service of Papers [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2666.07-2666.09 [Reserved]**2666.10 Patent Owner Does Not Respond to Office Action [R-01.2024]**

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2666.11 - 2666.19 [Reserved]**2666.20 Third Party Does Not Comment After Patent Owner Response [R-01.2024]**

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former

practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2666.21 - 2666.29 [Reserved]**2666.30 Submission Not Fully Responsive to Non-final Office Action [R-01.2024]**

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2666.31 - 2666.39 [Reserved]**2666.40 Patent Owner Completion of Response and Third Party Comments Thereon [R-01.2024]**

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2666.41-2666.49 [Reserved]**2666.50 Examiner Issues Notice of Defective Paper in *Inter Partes* Reexamination [R-01.2024]**

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2666.51-2666.59 [Reserved]

2666.60 Response by Patent Owner/Third Party to Notice of Defective Paper [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2667 Handling of Inappropriate or Untimely Filed Papers [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2668 Petition for Entry of Late Papers for Revival of Reexamination Proceeding [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2669 [Reserved]

2670 Clerical Handling [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2671 Examiner Action Following Response/Comments or Expiration of Time for Same [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2671.01 Examiner Issues Action on Merits That Does Not Close Prosecution [R-01.2024]

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2671.02 Examiner Issues Action Closing Prosecution (ACP) [R-01.2024]

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2671.03 Panel Review [R-01.2024]

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2672 Patent Owner Comments/Amendment After ACP and Third Party Requester Responsive Comments [R-01.2024]

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2673 Examiner Consideration of Submissions After ACP and Further Action [R-01.2024]

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2673.01 Reopening Prosecution After ACP [R-01.2024]

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2673.02 Examiner Issues Right of Appeal Notice (RAN) [R-01.2024]

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2674 Appeal in *Inter Partes* Reexamination [R-01.2024]

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2674.01 Cross Appeal After Original Appeal [R-01.2024]

The Office does not accept requests for *inter partes* reexamination filed on or after September 16, 2012. See [37 CFR 1.913\(b\)](#). Guidance on the former practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2675 Appellant Brief [R-01.2024]

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2675.01 Respondent Brief [R-01.2024]

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2675.02 Informalities in One or More of the Briefs [R-01.2024]

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2676 Appeal Conference [R-01.2024]

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2677 Examiner's Answer [R-01.2024]

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2678 Rebuttal Briefs [R-01.2024]

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practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2679 Office Treatment of Rebuttal Brief [R-01.2024]

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2680 Oral Hearing [R-01.2024]

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2681 Board Decision [R-01.2024]

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2682 Action Following Decision [R-01.2024]

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2683 Appeal to Courts [R-01.2024]

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2684 Information Material to Patentability in Reexamination Proceeding [R-01.2024]

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2685 No Interviews on Merits in *Inter Partes* Reexamination Proceedings [R-01.2024]

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2686 Notification of Existence of Prior or Concurrent Proceedings and Decisions Thereon [R-01.2024]

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2686.01 Multiple Copending Reexamination Proceedings [R-01.2024]

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2686.02 Copending Reexamination and Interference Proceedings [R-01.2024]

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2686.03 Copending Reexamination and Reissue Proceedings [R-01.2024]

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2686.04 Reexamination and Litigation Proceedings [R-01.2024]

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2686.05 Reexamination and *Inter Partes* Review Proceedings, Post-Grant Review, and Covered Business Method Patent Review [R-01.2024]

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2687 Notice of Intent to Issue *Inter Partes* Reexamination Certificate (NIRC) and Conclusion of Reexamination Proceeding [R-01.2024]

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2687.01 Examiner Consideration of Submissions After NIRC [R-01.2024]

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practice is available in revision 07.2022 of the 9th Edition of the MPEP.

2688 Issuance of *Inter Partes* Reexamination Certificate [R-01.2024]

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2689 Reexamination Review [R-01.2024]

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2690 Format of *Inter Partes* Reexamination Certificate [R-01.2024]

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2691 Notice of *Inter Partes* Reexamination Certificate Issuance in *Official Gazette* [R-01.2024]

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2692 Distribution of Certificate [R-01.2024]

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2693 Intervening Rights [R-01.2024]

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2694 Concluded Reexamination Proceedings [R-01.2024]

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2695 Reexamination of a Reexamination [R-01.2024]

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2696 USPTO Forms To Be Used in *Inter Partes* Reexamination [R-01.2024]

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