

Training Module for Chapter 10 of the MPEP

Summary

Chapter 10: Matters Decided by Various U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Officials

- Director (USPTO) = Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property & Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office

MOST QUESTIONS APPEARING ON THE REGISTRATION EXAM INVOLVE THE POWER OF THE DIRECTOR AND DEAL WITH THE EFFECT OF FILING A PETITION TO HIM FOR REVIEW OF A MATTER.

- A petition may be made to the Director on any action by any examiner which is not subject to appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences or to the courts.
- As a general rule, such a petition must be filed within 2 months of the mailing date on the action from which relief is requested. Otherwise, it is considered “untimely”.
- IMPORTANT POINT TO KEEP IN MIND:

The mere filing of a petition to the Director will not stay the period for replying to an examiner’s action (which may be running against the petition.). But, if the petition is granted and the applicant has properly replied to the rejection, the case is not abandoned.

Selected Questions and Answers for Chapter 10

(NONE)

In-Depth Review of Chapter 10

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