

USPC Classification Search Strategies

The presentation, led by a panel of USPTO staff with diverse backgrounds in classification and examination, will provide an in-depth look at the tools and techniques used by USPTO examiners to determine USPC classified search strategies, patent classification and patent application classification. The presentation will include an overview of the role USPC has in assigning patent applications to examiners as well as the role of USPC in searching the prior art. Analysis of correlations between the United States Patent Classification (USPC) system and European Patent Office's and Japan Patent Office's IPC-based classification systems will also be covered. In addition, information will also be provided on USPTO tools, published Search Strategies and their relationship to USPC classes. The session will include time for questions.

Biographies:

Joe Falk, International Liaison Staff, Search and Information Resources Administration, United States Patent and Trademark Office. Joe graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1977 with a degree in Mining Engineering. He was a patent examiner for ten years, which included five years as a primary examiner. For the last 17 years, Joe has been a supervisor in the Office of Patent Classification specializing in mechanical technologies. Joe's current duties include serving as a Rapporteur for a number of international classification harmonization projects.

Terrence Mackey, International Liaison Staff, Search and Information Resources Administration, United States Patent and Trademark Office. Terry attended the University of Wisconsin where he earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Materials Science and Engineering. During his 20-year tenure at USPTO, he has worked as a patent examiner and patent classifier, as well as served as project manager for the development of electronic tools and business processes related to United States Patent Classification (USPC) activities. Terry has also worked as a patent analyst in the USPTO Office of Electronic Information Products' Patent Technology Monitoring Division which is responsible for producing numerous reports of patent activity and trends. Since 2004, when he joined the International Liaison Staff, Terry has worked on both USPC and International Patent Classification (IPC) reclassification activities, and in particular efforts to harmonize USPC information with the IPC system.

Steve Melnick, International Liaison Staff, Office of Patent Classification, Search and Information Resources Administration, United States Patent and Trademark Office. Steve earned an Electrical Engineering Degree with minors in Mathematics and Physics from Cleveland State University in 1986 and a Master's Certificate in Information Technology Project Management from George Washington University in 2005. Steve was a Patent Examiner in the computer arts for 5.5 years, co-managed patent reclassification projects in the computer arts for 3.5 years and performed key roles on matrix-managed information product teams for 12 years. Steve recently returned to classification. His current responsibilities include managing a portfolio of Tri-lateral and National Reclassification projects and representing the Office of Patent Classification on automation projects. Steve also participates on the PGPub Classification and Reclassification outsourcing contracts.

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