

The Patent Examination Process Including Different Approaches to Searching at the USPTO

Abstract

Learn a bit about the patent examination process at the USPTO. In this presentation we will discuss what a USPTO examiner looks at when considering a patent application. We will also show different search approaches taken by examiners based on art area.

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