

First-Inventor-to-File (FITF) Training Plan for USPTO Examiners

FY 2013 to 2014

Overview:

The USPTO is training examiners on the first-inventor-to-file provision in stages starting in March 2013 and continuing into Fiscal Year 2014. This training will take the form of videos, live lectures, a hands-on workshop, and a library of additional computer-based training (CBT) classes. Additionally, the agency has created a First-Inventor-to-File internal micro-site to house all training materials including slides, transcripts of videos, frequently asked questions, and links to the CBT classes. The agency is making all of these training materials also available to the public via the AIA micro-site.

Content of Training:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Material Covered</i>	<i>Type of Training</i>
March to April 2013	Overview of statutory framework set forth in AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and instruction for identifying an application as subject to pre-AIA or AIA law	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-lecture video¹• Live 1-hour lecture² (made into CBT for library)• Follow-up video¹
April to end of June 2013	Just-in-time training for those examiners who have AIA applications on their dockets that require examination before the Comprehensive training	One-on-one meeting with TC AIA Point of Contact
End of June 2013 to mid-August 2013	Comprehensive explanation of statutory framework set forth in AIA 35 U.S.C. 102, examples of prior art and exceptions to prior art, use of affidavits and declarations filed under 37 CFR 1.130, explanation of AIA 35 U.S.C. 103	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-lecture video¹• Live 3-hour lecture²
Starting in late August 2013 through FY 2014	Mock examination of an AIA application	2-hour workshop
FITF Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AIA Indicator: how to know whether an application is subject to pre-AIA or AIA law• Affidavits and Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.130: when to expect, required evidentiary showings, and how to consider• Reissue: implications of AIA on reissue applications	CBT lectures

Please email Janet.Gongola@uspto.gov with any comments or questions about the first-inventor-to-file training plan or materials provided to USPTO examiners.

¹ Available in FITF library

² Made into CBT for FITF library