

Life of a Patent

Early Idea
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 Conception
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 Actual Reduction to Practice (RTP)
 (Often but Not Always)

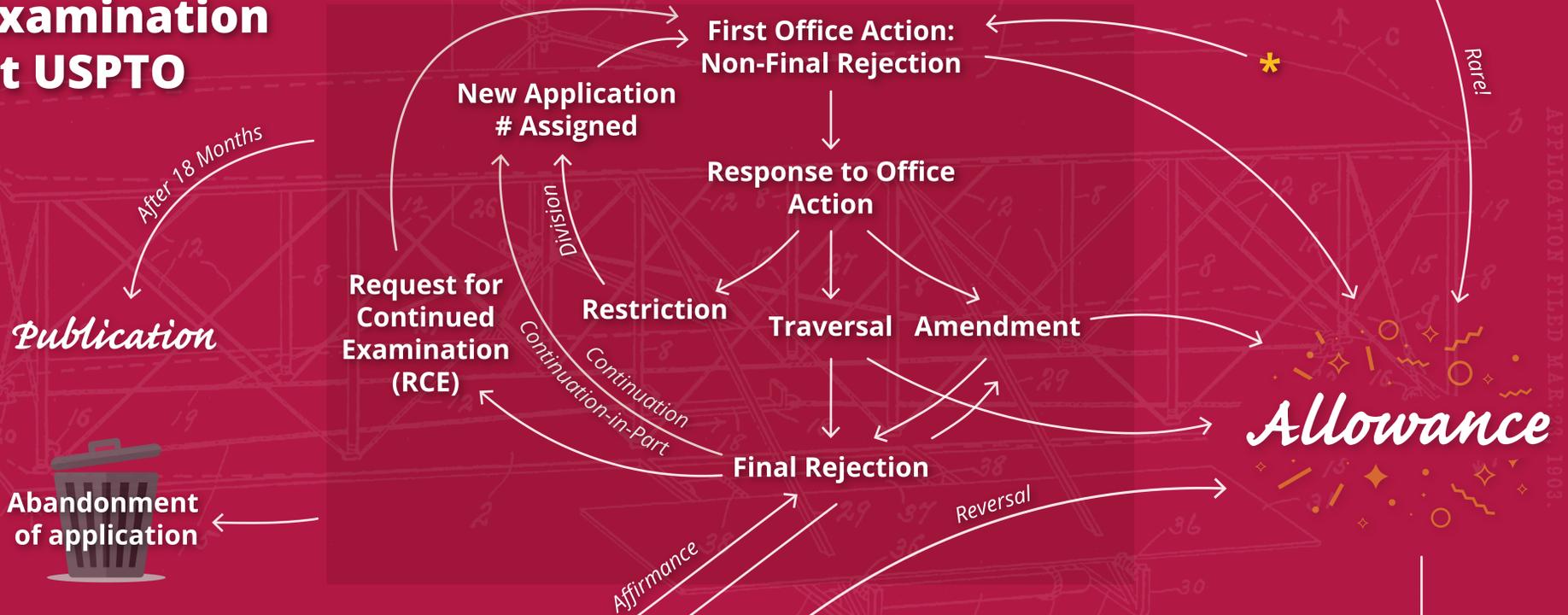


Drafting & Filing

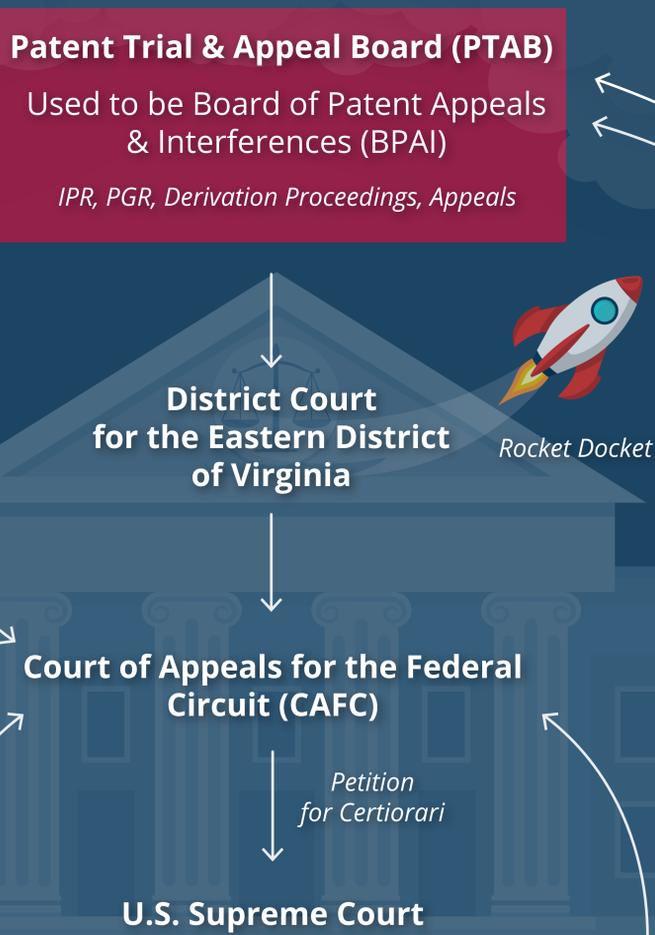
(= Constructive Reduction to Practice)
 with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO)

Patent Attorney/Agent
 Provisional Patent Application → Full Patent Application (Constructive RTP)
 1 year

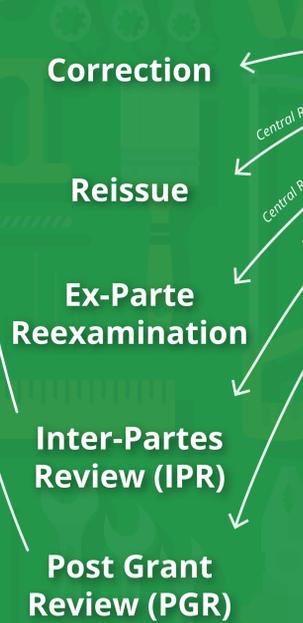
Examination at USPTO



Appeal



Post Grant Proceedings



Any U.S. District Court and Court of Federal Claims
 Infringement Actions, Declaratory Judgment Actions

International Trade Commission (ITC)
 Infringement Actions, Declaratory Judgment Actions

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