

from whose decision, if adverse, an appeal may be taken, first, to the Board of Examiners-in-Chief, and from it to the Commissioner. The cost can only be determined on declaration of the Interference.

Disclaimer.

If, after a patent is obtained, it is found that the claims were made so broad as to cover more than the inventor was justly entitled to, such matter may be disclaimed by the owner of the patent.

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Re-Issue.

When a patent is inoperative or invalid by reason of a defective or insufficient specification, or too much or too little being claimed, a re-issue of the patent may be applied for so as to make the necessary corrections.

Before proceeding with an application for re-issue it is advisable to instruct me to make a preliminary investigation in the Patent Office, in relation to the apparent novelty of the invention at the time the patent was granted. For this purpose send me a statement of defects, and my fee. I will then examine the official proceedings in relation to the grant, and the records in regard to novelty, and will then report the probable chance of a re-issue. If it is desired to make application for re-issue, the Government fee should be remitted, when the necessary documents will be prepared and forwarded for inspection and execution. The case is then prosecuted in the same manner as original applications, and upon allowance, is passed to issue without further charge.