

EXHIBIT

4-b

Comments and Effective Dates

- Comments accepted until May 3, 2006
 - AB93Comments@uspio.gov (Cont Reform)
 - AB94Comments@uspio.gov (Rep Claims)
- Effective Date of Final Rule
 - Continuation limits apply to any application filed on or after the effective date of the final rule
 - Representative Claims used in all cases without a first office action as of the effective date of final rule

c. IDS Reform Coming Soon

- Will have little effect on the typical application
- At a certain point applicants will be required to discuss materiality of submitted references, e.g. when
 - Large references (over 30 pages)
 - Lots of references (over 25)
 - References submitted late in the application process

2. Legal Advice (cont.)

- Reexamination questions
- Reissue questions
- Interference questions
- Petitions questions

Summary: Unique Aspects About the Work of the Solicitor's Office

- Involved in both litigation and policy
- Diverse docket
- Work with, and learn from, bright people both within the USPTO and other government agencies.

Thank You

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