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FOREWORD

The Objective and Scope of the Manual

The purpose of the manual is three-fold, first, to serve as an adequate text for the new Examiners to study, second, to serve as a standard reference work for the examining corps, and third, to assist in producing uniformity of practice among all the divisions of the Office. The manual will be bound in loose leaf form so that it can be revised as necessary.

In view of the issuance of the Manual of Procedure for Docket Clerks, purely clerical functions are not included except where they explain the duties of the Assistant Examiner. Situations which occur very rarely are omitted but an effort has been made to suggest practices which, though not mandatory, help the Examiner to do a better job with less chance of error.

Purely substantive aspects of patent law have been omitted except where they make the practice clearer.

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