

Subject: some initial reactions to the USPTO's training slides for son-of-EPAS

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Cumbersome login now required. It used to be that anybody could submit an assignment for recordation. Now you have to do a cumbersome login with two-factor authentication. I suspect this means the person doing the recordation session will have previously been forced to do a Real ID or other invasive prove-who-you-are procedure.

Stupid terminology. The designer of son-of-EPAS calls the recordation session "filing an application". This is nuts.

No functional enhancements for the paying customer. After all this big talk about how wonderful this son-of-EPAS system is going to be, I clicked around a bit to try to see what functional enhancements it is going to provide. For example I figured the least they would do is make it so that you can check the status of a recordation submission. Nope. No enhancements of any kind so far as I can see.

Blocks you from including an application number that they can't find in their system. It looks like if your patent application is not in Patentcenter, you will be blocked from including it in your recordation submission. I suspect this means it will be impossible to record against a PCT application filed in an Office that is not the RO/US.