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Passing The Patent Bar - A Basic Reference Guide



Synopsis

This third edition is updated for AIA MPEP revisions. *Passing the Patent Bar - A Basic Study Guide* provides the reader with nearly all the information which will be required to pass the United States Patent and Trademark Office's Registration Exam (The Patent Bar Exam). This exam allows a person to become either a Patent Attorney or a Patent Agent depending on their previous education. The book includes a general overview of the patent system along with an overview of the test and the different references used for passing the exam which includes 35 U.S.C., 37 C.F.R., MPEP and Supplemental Materials. In addition to this initial overview a more in-depth review of the essentials of patent law are covered which should be extremely well understood to pass the exam. After the initial overview is completed along with a review of the basics, the book then focuses heavily on the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (The MPEP). Its topics are discussed in the Applications, Procedures and Everything Else chapters of the book. Finally, this book reviews supplemental materials and the America Invents Act which are also included on the Patent Bar Exam. Since this is only the Basic reference guide, the content only includes a discussion of the topics covered on the exam. However, PatentAcademyOnline.com has more reference material which can be used for passing the patent bar exam. This includes analysis of publicly available past exams, info graphics and old exams which can be taken directly online.

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Customer Reviews

Overview I bought the Kindle version of the book. I think that is okay for background material. However, this should not be your sole study tool by any means. I highly recommend taking practice exams, at least from 2002 and 2003, and reviewing websites online for areas tested on recent exams. My conclusion is that if you really can't afford a class, you can get by with this as an introductory tool, but you really need to take past exams and review materials for areas of laws that have changed since the passage of the AIA in more detail (since exams and practice problems aren't available for the AIA). mypatentbar.com, which is free was a pretty valuable research for me, someone who did not take a class. Ultimately, I did pass based on preliminary results (2016), which is all that really counts at the end of the day. And I do think that this book helped me organize my studies. But if I had to go back, I probably would have spent a little more on another source.

Pros This book was well organized (organized by importance), and I think that it did a decent job at touching on the major points in each of the MPEP sections.

Cons- Because it is just background material, you'll need to find another source of sample exam questions.- This book had way too many grammatical and spelling typos, and, at least in the Kindle version, the formatting was off sometimes. Commas were either present where they shouldn't be or missing where they needed to be, and sometimes that affected the meaning of the sentence. Spelling errors were rarer than grammatical errors, but they were also too abundant.- Sometimes the book was not entirely clear as to whether it was referring to AIA law or pre-AIA law. Generally, the authors used "AIA 35 USC ˆ ˆ" when referring to the AIA, and "35 USC ˆ ˆ" when referring to pre-AIA; however, sometimes it left out the "AIA" part when referring to the AIA. It would have been much clearer if it just said "AIA ˆ ˆ" and "pre-AIA ˆ ˆ." Because I took a patent law course, I was able to sort it out on my own without having to resort to the statutes, but sometimes it was unnecessarily confusing.- This book also had a few mistakes related to the law and regulations. For example, it stated that a claim is necessary to obtain a filing date for a nonprovisional application. However, under 35 USC 111, 37 CFR 1.53(b) and MPEP 506, claims are not required to obtain a filing date. Additionally, some laws have changed since 2013. For example, it stated that design patents have a term of 14 years. However, design patents filed after May 13, 2015 now have a term of 15 years. The kindle cover indicates that it was updated for the 9th Edition of the MPEP, so it should have made that distinction. It was by chance that I knew or discovered these rules, and

finding out made me panic a little bit and question the accuracy of the entire book.

Good content, but the typos and lack of editing are so bad it really makes a lot of things more confusing than the statutes themselves. I can't believe the author released this book without having it reviewed. No editor would let this pass.

very nice book. contents are very useful.thanks a lot.

many typos but overall this is a really good reference guide. very comprehensive and easy to navigate with Table of Contents.

Good basic book, but some chapters are redundant.

pretty good.

Great overview of relative materials! Highly recommended to anyone who is planning on taking the patent bar exam. It covers the new AIA related material and even injects comments about the updates in the meat of the MPEP materials.

The book is great for learning all the material covered on the patent bar exam. It even had AIA content. Their website [...] was quite useful as well.

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