

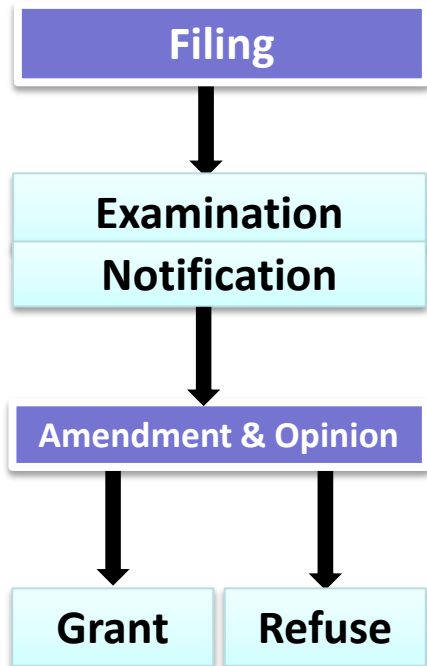
I. Overview

II. First Action (FA)

III. Second Action (SA)

II. First Action (FA)

A. Flow of FA 1/2



Understand the application & the claim

Description

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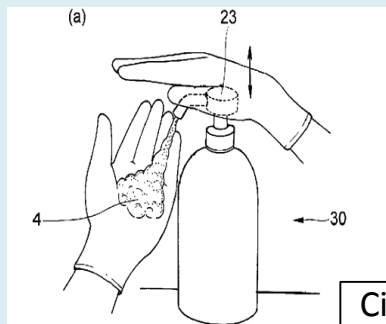
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Claims

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Drawings

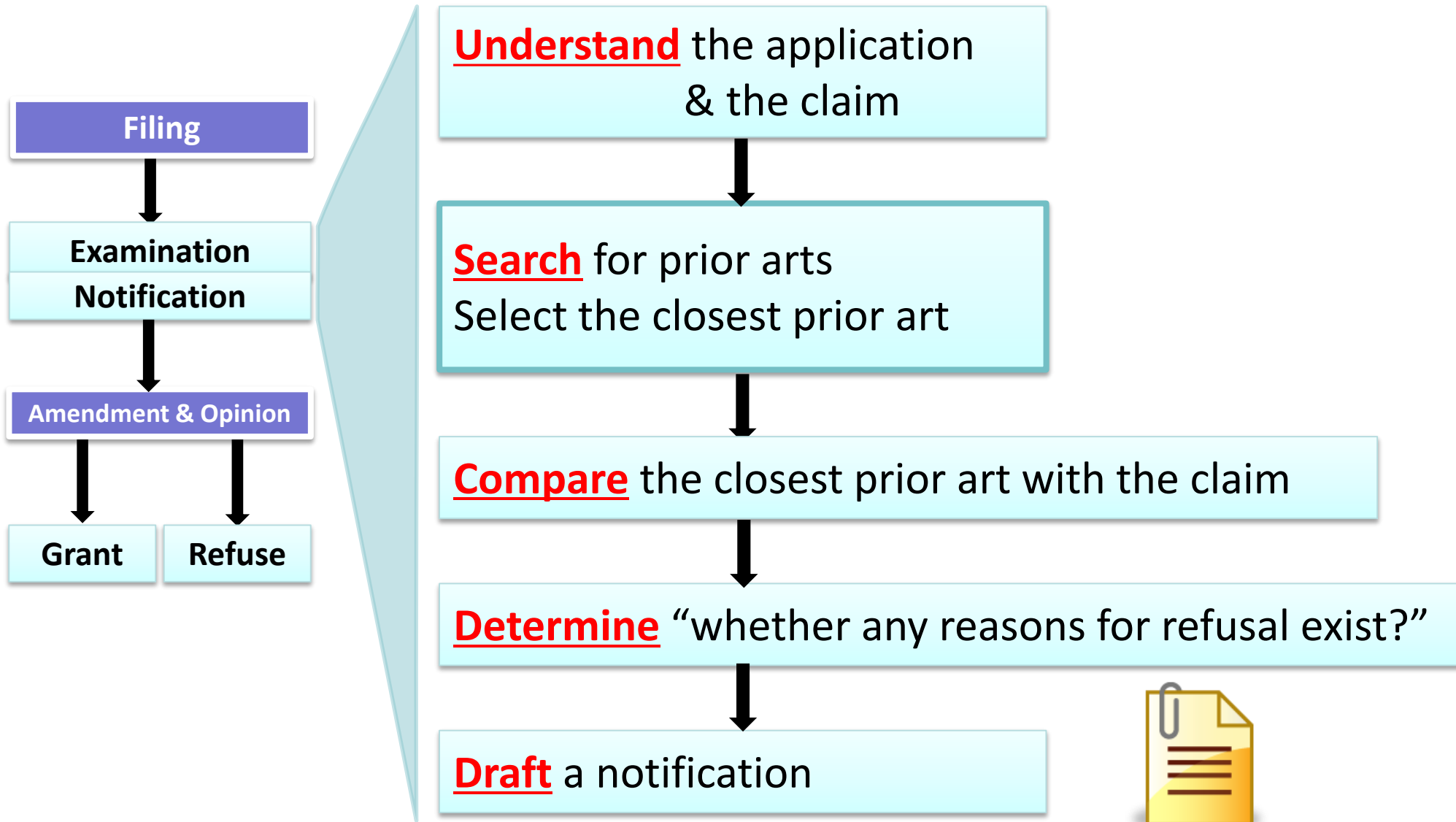
Fig.1



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II. First Action (FA)

A. Flow of FA 2/2



II. First Action (FA)

B. Flow of FA - Search DB in JPO -

Understand the application
& the claim

Search for prior arts
Select the closest prior art

Compare the claim with the closest prior art

Determine whether any reasons for refusal
exist?

Draft a notification

Internal Databases



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