

Essential PCT Detailed Topics

Introduction to the PCT System

- PCT Terminology
- PCT Texts and information sources
- Member States (countries)
- Statistics

PCT Basics

- PCT timeline
- The international application
- Minimum requirements for filing
- The applicant
- Where to file

Filing of the PCT International Application

- Required elements
- Detailed information on filling-out the paper version of the request (application) form

PCT Fees

- What fees are payable
- When to pay

Introduction to PCT SAFE (Electronic filing)

- Different options
- Fee reductions
- Benefits

Priority Claims

- What is priority
- How to claim priority
- Furnishing the priority document

An Overview of how to Correct Defects

- Which corrections will not effect the filing date
- Which corrections will effect the filing date
- How to make corrections
- Information on WIPO's ePCT services

Introduction to ePCT (including live demo)

- How to set up an account
- Requesting a digital certificate
- Public and private services

Search and Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority

- What is a search report
- What is a written opinion of the international searching authority

International Publication

- When does publication take place
- What is published

Amendments under the PCT

- Amendments to the claims under Article 19
- Amendments to the description, claims and drawings under Article 34

Overview of Chapter II – filing the demand for preliminary examination

- Basics of preliminary Examination
- Where, when and how to file a Demand for preliminary examination

Entry into the national phase

- Time limits
- What is required

Where to get help

- WIPO consultant in the US
- USPTO
- WIPO (Geneva)

Choosing a Receiving Office for US applicants

- RO/US
- RO/IB

Choice of International Authorities for US applicants

- Pros and cons of each of the ISAs available to US applicants filing in RO/US and RO/IB

When it is useful to amend the IA

- Article 19 and/or
- Article 34/File a Demand for Preliminary Examination

US National Phase Entry vs. By-Pass Route

- Pros and Cons of each approach

Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) and the PCT

- How it works to accelerate both PCT and national applications
- Practical examples