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A Comprehensive Approach to Patent Quality
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Outline of Presentation

1. The claim terms must be organized so they may be read in context.
2. Analysis begins with claim language.
3. The specification should be clear.
4. Terms may be (and should be) defined.
5. The prosecution history should be clear.
6. The patent should reflect that a significant amount of prior art was submitted to the examiner.
7. The patent should contain a fairly general description of the most relevant prior art.
8. The patent should contain generalized objects, so as to not unduly limit its claims.