

WHEN THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE U.S. APPLICATION IS
ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 16, 2012

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING OUR NEW PATENT DECLARATIONS
JH-AIA01; 02**

USE FOR

- I. *All* patent applications, including Design patent applications, filed in U.S. whether “Sole” or “Joint.”
- II. As a “Substitute” Declaration for pending applications.
- III. As a “Supplemental” Declaration for amended patent applications.

DEFINITION OF EFFECTIVE U.S. APPLICATION FILING DATE

An application obtains a “filing date” in the USPTO when the specification, at least one claim, and drawing(s), if appropriate, are received by the USPTO and are given a serial number.

- PCT Nationalized application – the date of filing in the international receiving Office and designating the U.S.
- PCT Continuation (by pass) application – the date of filing in the USPTO
- Utility with or without priority; or Design applications – the date of filing in the USPTO
- Continuation; Divisional; or CIP application – the date of filing in the USPTO
- RCE application – the date of filing the parent application as an RCE keep the same serial number.

**UNDER THE AMERICANS INVENTS ACT (AIA), ASSIGNEES FOR THE U.S.
CAN BE THE APPLICANT.**

- **If inventor(s) are to be applicant(s), execute JH-AIA01**
- **If assignee is to be applicant, execute JH-AIA02 and JH-AIA03.**
- **If case assigned execute JH-AIA04.**

HOW TO FILL IN OUR NEW DECLARATIONS JH-AIA01; JH-AIA02

**For New Applications for PCT Nationalization; Utility with or without priority;
PCT Continuation; or Design**

- A. Box 101 – Fill in title of invention, in English.
- B. Box 102 – For applications based on PCT Nationalization, check square before “PCT International Application” and fill in number and filing date. For others, check

square before “the attached specification” or if file declaration after filing date, fill in the U.S. application serial number, if have, and filing date.

C. Boxes 201-205

(1) Fill in the requested information, noting that the first *or* middle name must be unabbreviated.

(2) If more than five inventors, simply use additional Declaration forms completing them in the same way, and check the square in the lower left hand corner indicating that additional sheets are attached.

D. Have inventors sign, dating not required, at the bottom of the form, noting the signature must be the same as the names in Boxes 201-205.

FOR CONTINUATION; CONTINUATION-IN-PART; OR DIVISIONAL

- Complete in accordance with A-D above.

SUBSTITUTE DECLARATION OR WHEN SUBSEQUENTLY FILING FIRST DECLARATION

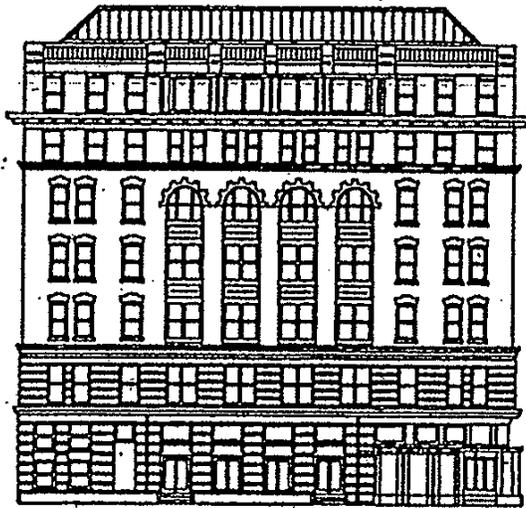
Complete, in accordance with the A-D above except, in Box 102, check the square before “the specification in application” and fill in the Serial Number and Filing Date. You need not fill in the Serial Number when subsequently filing the first Declaration; however, you do need the filing date.

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION

Fill in as for a SUBSTITUTE DECLARATION (see above) plus, in Box 102, specifically identify by filing date(s) any amendments made to the claims and/or description which the inventor(s) considers to be part of the invention.

IMPORTANT

- The USPTO will now accept a facsimile or e-mail copy of an executed Declaration. No need to send the original to us.
- The Declaration must be completely filled in and executed as indicated above. U.S. attorneys or agents cannot modify the Declaration after the Declaration has been signed, even on your specific instructions (see 37 CFR 1.56). Patents have been voided because of such changes.
- Any major change necessary after typing the specification can be made in ink, in English, and each change must be initialed *and* dated by *each* inventor when executing the Declaration. Attorneys may now make minor changes in the specification.
- Failure to complete the Declaration correctly may necessitate a Substitute Declaration, at best, or could lose the filing date or affect the validity of the application or any Patent issuing thereon.



JACOBSON HOLMAN PLLC
The Jenifer Building
400 Seventh Street, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

