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US Federal Circuit To Again Decide What is Patentable Subject Matter

In *CLS Bank v. Alice*, the Federal Circuit heard oral argument on the question of what test should be used for a computer-implemented invention to determine if it is a non-patentable abstract idea. The patent related to a global, multi-currency cash exchange system to reduce settlement risk.

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March 16, 2013 - AIA Implementation

In just a few weeks, some of the much awaited AIA rules will become effective. Here are some highlights.

1. Applicants have a one-year grace period to file an application following a public disclosure of the invention.
2. Applicants can avoid a prior art reference if the applicant disclosed the identical invention before the prior art reference.
3. Prior art includes US applications claiming foreign priority, PCT applications designating the US, and public use or sale anywhere in the world prior to the effective filing date of the invention. For a US application with foreign priority, a certified copy of the priority document may be needed in certain situations.
4. Applications filed after March 16 and where all claims have priority before March 16 will be governed under the first-to-invent system.

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