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Conception  
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Actual Reduction to Practice (RTP)  
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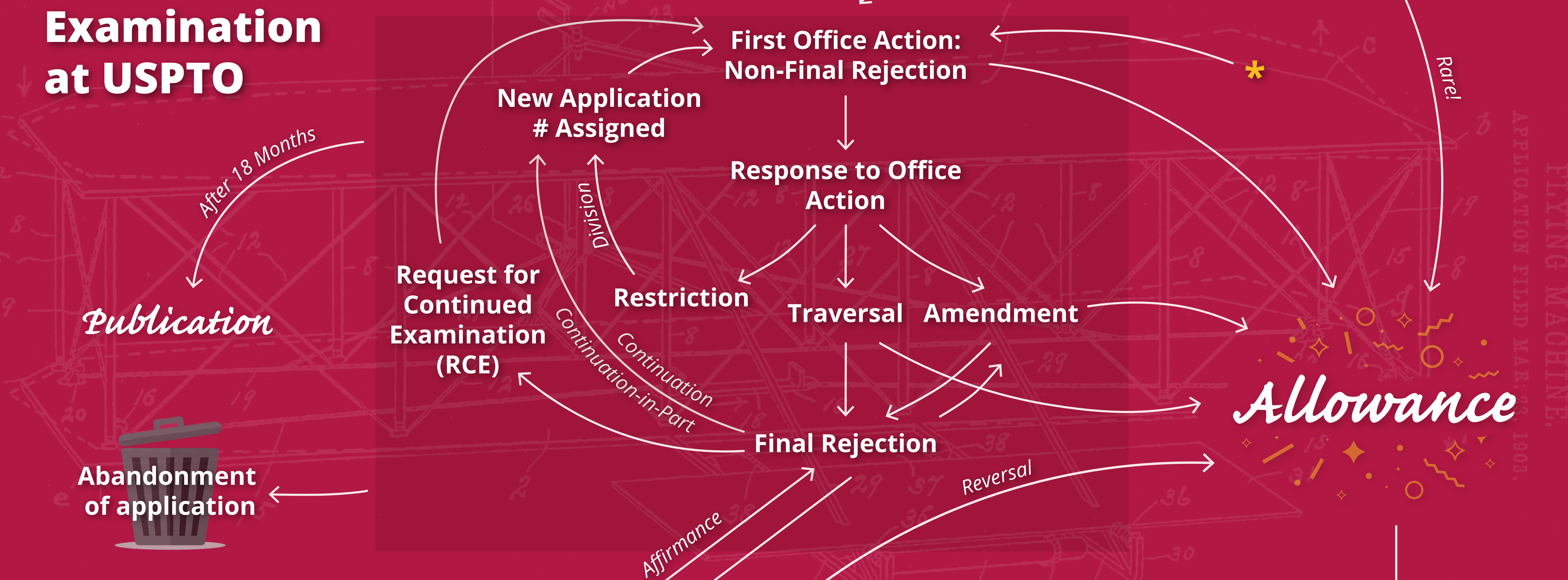


## Drafting & Filing

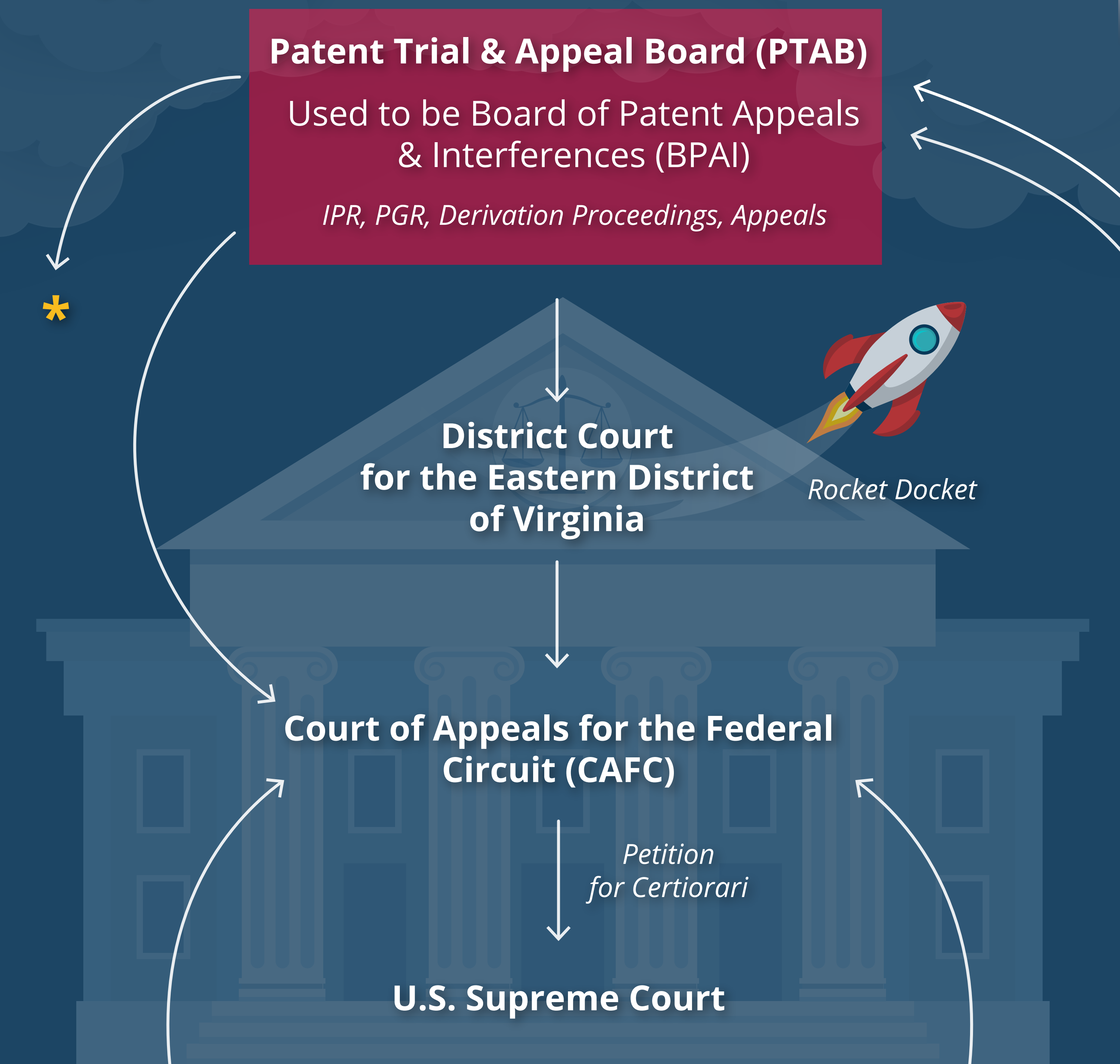
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Provisional Patent Application → Full Patent Application  
1 year (Constructive RTP)

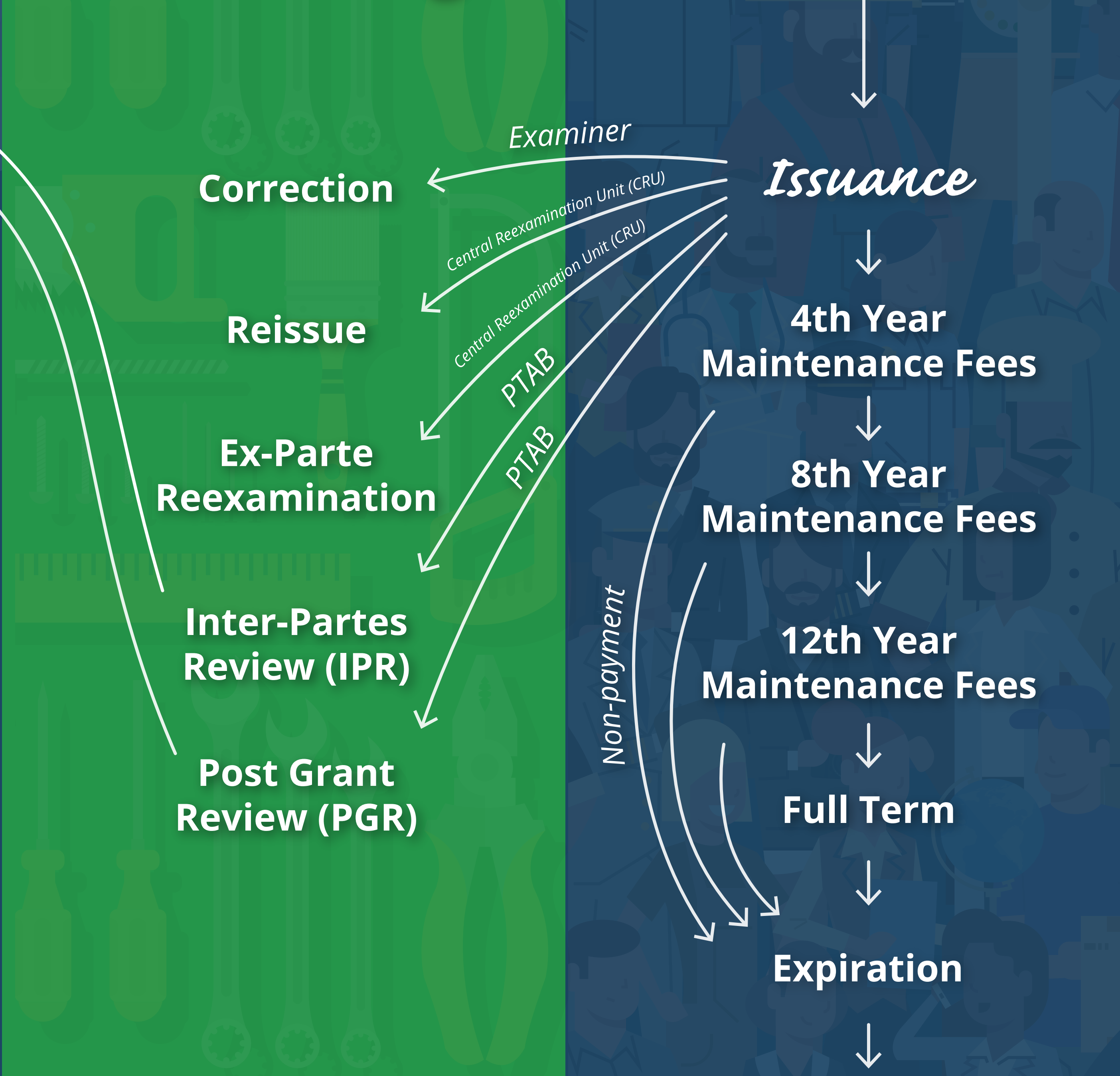
## Examination at USPTO



## Appeal



## Post Grant Proceedings



The  
Public Domain

Any U.S. District Court  
and Court of Federal Claims

Infringement Actions,  
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International Trade Commission  
(ITC)

Infringement Actions, Declaratory  
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