Avoiding Class 705: Drafting Technical Patent Applications to Reduce Business-Method Art Unit Risk in Patent Prosecution

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Titled “Avoiding Class 705: Drafting Technical Patent Applications to Reduce Business-Method Art Unit Risk in Patent Prosecution – Part I,” the article examines how patent application drafting can influence assignment to United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) business-method art units and the resulting impact on patent prosecution outcomes.

The article is the first installment of a two-part series and provides data-driven insights into how drafting choices, claim language, and specification framing can affect prosecution strategy for software-related inventions.

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