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# AIA Section 102 now being seen in litigated cases

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Applies to <u>effective filing dates</u> on or after **March 16, 2013.** 

Pub. L. 112–29, 112<sup>th</sup> Congress
 125 STAT. 293 (Sept. 16, 2011)

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### Overview of AIA § 102

Apply AIA § 102 when application contains

- or contained at any time —

a claim with an effective filing date on or
after March 16, 2013.

Mixed: Both pre- and post-AIA claims Apply:

- AIA to all claims, but also
- pre-AIA § 102(g) to all claims

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# App. never included anything other than pre-AIA claims

#### **Pre-AIA**

e.g., (i) application filed before *March 16, 2013*, or (ii) continuation or divisional (or priority chain of only continuations/divisionals) of application filed before March 16, 2013

## App. never included anything other than post-AIA claims

AIA

e.g., new application filed on or after March 16, 2013; no priority claim

App. at any time included at least one pre-AIA claim, and at any time at least one post AIA claim

AIA
but also
Pre-AIA 102(g)

 $\it e.g.$ , CIP filed on or after March 16, 2013, with claims based on both pre-March

16 matter and post March 16 matter

**Pre AIA claims:** The claims have full written description support in the filings before

March 16, 2013.

Post AIA claims: The claims rely at least in part on subject matter in the written

description filed on or after March 16, 2013

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#### Overview of AIA § 102

- Simplification
- "Global" harmonization
- Trade secret harmonization?





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