# Overcoming Sect. 101 Rejections: USPTO Guidance, Recent Decisions to Meet Sect. 101 Patent Eligibility Requirements

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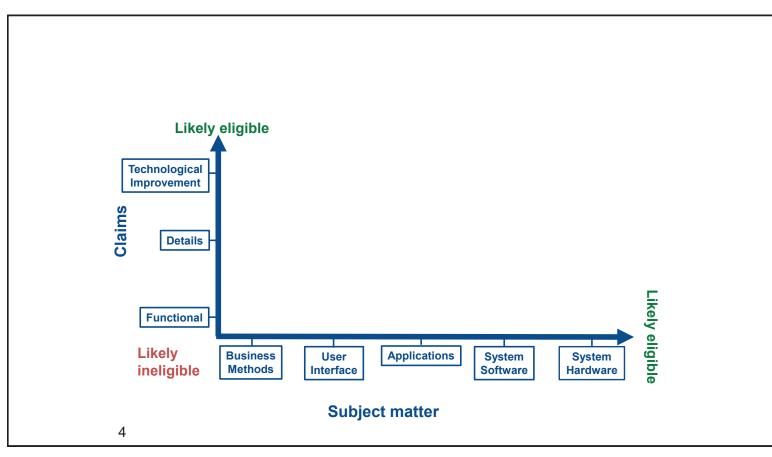
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# **Overview**

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1972-1981	Benson, Flook, and Diehr (S.Ct.)
1995	USPTO Computer implemented guidelines
1998	State Street Bank (Fed. Cir.)
2010	Bilski (S.Ct.)
2011	Cybersource (Fed. Cir.)
2012	Mayo (S.Ct.)
2014	Alice (S.Ct.)
2021	Yu and USR (Fed. Cir.)
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## Patent Eligibility Restoration Act of 2022

### **SEC. 2. PATENT ELIGIBILITY.**

- (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 10 of title 35, United States Code, is amended—
  - (1) in section 100—
    - (A) in subsection (b), by striking "includes a new use of a known process" and inserting "includes a use, application, or method of manufacture of a known or naturally-occurring process"; and
    - (B) by adding at the end the following:
- "(k) The term 'useful' means, with respect to an invention or discovery, that the invention or discovery has a specific and practical utility from the perspective of a person of ordinary skill in the art to which the invention or discovery pertains."; and

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