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What's New in this Update:

This release features updates to Chapter 12 (Application for Patents; Joint Applications). Appendix L (Quantum Tables) and Appendix U (Manual of Patent Office Practice) have also been updated in this release.

Highlights:

Chapter 12 (Application for Patents; Joint Applications)—VIII. (Obviousness)—N (Post-Sanofi Patent Appeal Board Decisions—Obviousness)—This section has been updated to March 2025. The following is an excerpt for this section—

BGC Partners, Inc (Re), 2025 CarswellNat 1970, 2025 CarswellNat 1969, 2025 CACB 1, 2025 CACP 1 (C.P.A.B. and Patents Commissioner) BGC Partners, Inc (Re), 2025 CACB 1, 2025 CACP 1, 2025 CarswellNat 1969, 2025 CarswellNat 1970 (Can. Pat. App. Bd. & Pat. Commr.)

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Disposition

The Board recommended the application be refused on the grounds that claims 1 to 16 define obvious subject matter, contravening paragraph 28.3(b) of the *Patent Act*. The Commissioner agreed with the Board's findings and its recommendation to refuse the application on the grounds that claims 1 to 16 on file define obvious subject matter, contravening paragraph 28.3(b) of the *Patent Act*. The Commissioner refused, under section 40 of the *Patent Act*, to grant a patent for the application.

Comments

Invention: BGC Partners, Inc applied for a patent (2574975) for an invention entitled "Systems and Methods for Providing Dynamic Price Axes in Featured User Interfaces." The invention involved graphical user interfaces for electronic trading systems. According to the application, graphical user interfaces of electronic trading systems conventionally display arrangements of information that only ambiguously convey the inside market to users. The eye is drawn to changes in bid and ask quantities rather than to changes in price. The application proposes an improvement to the graphical user interface's display: individual columns (or "axes") are used to display fields of bid and ask sizes

and prices. Those columns are then aligned to each other according to price. This display is intended to convey the inside market and changes to it more readily. The way the information and order-entry regions are displayed is intended to clearly represent price fluctuations and facilitate order submission. The issues included whether claims 1 to 16 defined subject matter that would have been obvious in view of cited documents, contravening paragraph 28.3(b) of the *Patent Act*.