

Response to Final Office Action

In order to overcome the Refusal under Section 2(d), the Applicant respectfully requests the recitation of goods for application 88583388 to be amended to read “Surgical instruments and equipment **for use in non-cardiac open, laparoscopic, neurosurgery, and neurological surgery**, namely, irrigating and non-irrigating bipolar forceps, ligature passers, vessel supporters, nerve hooks, elevators, curettes, dissectors, needle holders, forceps, scissors, retractors, and suction tubes.”

Counsel for the Applicant and USPTO Examining Attorney Mason discussed this amendment in February, which is similar to an amendment proposed by Attorney Mason to overcome the outstanding rejection. Since February, possibly due to Covid-19 changes, counsel for the Applicant has had difficulty reaching Attorney Mason. However, if the proposed amendment is not acceptable, counsel for the Applicant would welcome a call to discuss the matter further and find an appropriate resolution.