



## Patent Examiner 09

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#### **FACTOR I. Nature and Extent of Performance of Examining Functions:**

Incumbent independently performs "Basic" patent examining functions (e.g., planning and conducting the search, applying references to the claimed invention, etc.) with no preliminary instructions from the supervisor. References used to determine whether or not the claimed invention is new and patentable are presented for detailed review. All Patent Office actions are submitted to the supervisor in draft form for close review, although searches completed by the incumbent are not normally repeated by the supervisor during this review.

Incumbent may perform "Advanced" patent examining functions (e.g., the evaluation of special claim constructions, the requirement of restrictions, the recognition and development of probable interferences, etc.) only after obtaining preliminary instructions from the supervisor and all determinations involving such functions are subject to close review.

#### **FACTOR II. Contact and Commitment Authority:**

Incumbent has no commitment authority.

#### **FACTOR III. Technological Complexity of Art:**

Assignments normally involve responsibility for technological problems which can be solved by the proper application of the fundamental knowledge and techniques of the specialized art.

#### **FACTOR LEVELS AND POINTS CREDITED:**

Factor 1: Level: D: Points: 20

Factor 2: Level: : Points:

Factor 3: Level: : Points:

Total Points: 20

Grade: 9

This position is exempt from coverage under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

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