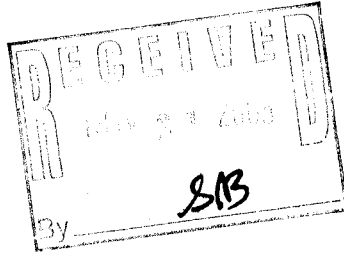




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In re Application of  
Richard H. Stern  
Application No. 11/166,991  
Filed: June 27, 2005  
Attorney Docket No. P57491

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DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER  
37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed June 27, 2005, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.


A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement by Richard H. Stern attesting that he is over 65 years of age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at 571-272-3220.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 3715 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

  
Denise Pothier  
Petitions Examiner  
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