

### Using the TBMP:

Users of the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Manual of Procedure (TBMP) must note that the latest revision of the manual occurred in March 2004 and, therefore, some of its information is out of date.

For complete information about TTAB rules of practice, the TBMP must be read in conjunction with the August 1, 2007 Federal Register notice detailing significant changes to TTAB rules of procedure. That notice is available at the following web address:  
[http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/process/appeal/RULES08\\_01\\_07.pdf](http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/process/appeal/RULES08_01_07.pdf)

For current information on contacting the TTAB by phone or mail, and for other general information, see the list of TTAB Frequently Asked Questions available at the following web address:  
<http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/process/appeal/guidelines/ttabfaq.jsp>

### Revising and Updating of the TBMP:

Because of the format in which the TBMP was posted on the web, it could not be easily updated, in a section-by-section or chapter-by-chapter manner. The Board now has more than a dozen Administrative Trademark Judges and Interlocutory Attorneys working on a revision of the entire manual. When complete, the revised TBMP will reflect current rules of practice and cite to many precedential decisions issued during recent years. The revised manual will be posted on the web in both PDF and HTML formats and will be both more easily searched by users and more easily updated by the Board. The revision project began in mid-2009 and is expected to be completed in 2010.

### To Proceed to the TBMP:

With this understanding of the status of the TBMP, if you wish to continue and access the manual, as last revised in March 2004, click on this link:  
[http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/process/appeal/tbmp\\_ed2\\_rev1.pdf](http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/process/appeal/tbmp_ed2_rev1.pdf)