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April 1, 2017 Revision of Chinese Patent Examination Guidelines may be Good News for Patentees

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With continued extraordinary growth, including a record number of patent applications filed in a single year[1], the importance of intellectual property rights in China is undeniable.

And so, all eyes are on the recent revised Guidelines for Patent Examination released by the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO)[2] and, in particular, the implications for patent applications related to chemical, business method, and computer-implemented inventions.

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The 实质性内容 (Nuts and Bolts) of Application Formalities in China

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China is in the midst of a tremendous patent boom. Worldwide, total patent application filings were up 7.8% in 2015, with China accounting for 84% of the total growth[1].

In 2015, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO) became the first patent office that received more than one million patent applications in a single year – eclipsing both the United States and Europe[2].

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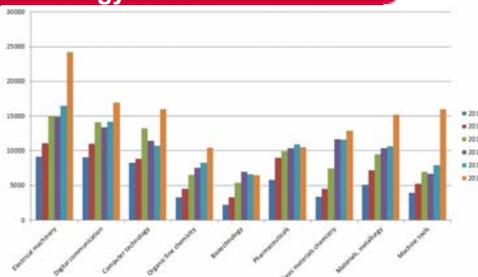
An Update on Patent Enforcement in China

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As patent filing and grant numbers have skyrocketed in China, so has the attractiveness to settle patent infringement suits there. The opening of a series of specialized intellectual property courts, especially the courthouse located in Beijing, has changed the view of many that the country is lax in protecting IP rights.

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