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The AIPLA talks about how interactive maps should be patent eligible.

From page 22:
A new “app” on a smart phone may not be patentable because it simply incorporates obvious steps or desired outcomes in an obvious way, using conventional tools. But that is not a basis for Section 101 ineligibility. All apps on all smart phones use computer implemented instructions to transform a general purpose computer (the smart phone) into a new machine. Using particular apps, one’s smart phone can become, at turns: a compass, a flashlight, an interactive map, a “yellow pages”, a pedometer, a television, a videophone, etc. Each of these specific machines would of course be patentable in principle if it were hard-wired as a specific separate machine. It would be anomolous if such marvels were rendered per se ineligible for patent protection when combined in the smart phone with clever software to make them interchangeable with the push of a button. Yet that is exactly the state of affairs we face, with the tangled jurisprudence exemplified by CLS Bank. The tangle begs to be untied.

Attachments 2

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