



P-TACTS

Patent Trial and Appeal Case Tracking System Interferences

User Guide

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1. Introduction

Welcome to the Patent Trial and Appeal Case Tracking System (P-TACTS) for Interferences. You can access P-TACTS Interferences at <https://ptacts.uspto.gov/interferences/ui/home>. The USPTO website has additional information about Interferences on the USPTO Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) Patent Interference Information webpage: www.uspto.gov/patents/ptab/patent-interference-information.

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide a user guide for PTAB customers who will be required to use P-TACTS to work on Interference cases.

2. General Navigation

2.1 Getting Started

1. To get started, type the provided URL for the P-TACTS Interference landing page <https://ptacts.uspto.gov/interferences/ui/home> into your browser.

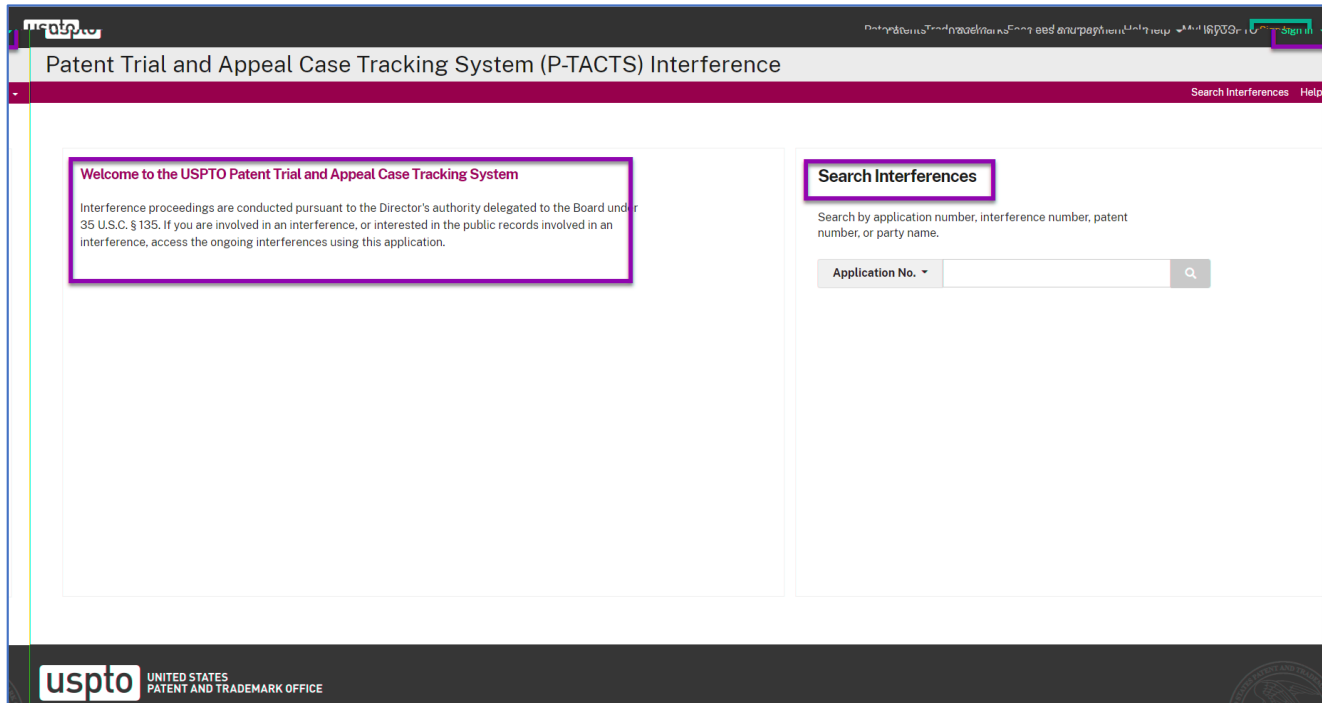


Figure 1 – Welcome to USPTO Patent Trial and Appeal Case Tracking System (P-TACTS) for Interferences landing page

2. On the right side of the P-TACTS Interference landing page, you have the option to perform an anonymous search without signing in to P-TACTS. You can search by entering the exact Interference, Patent, or Application numbers or the full or partial Party Name.

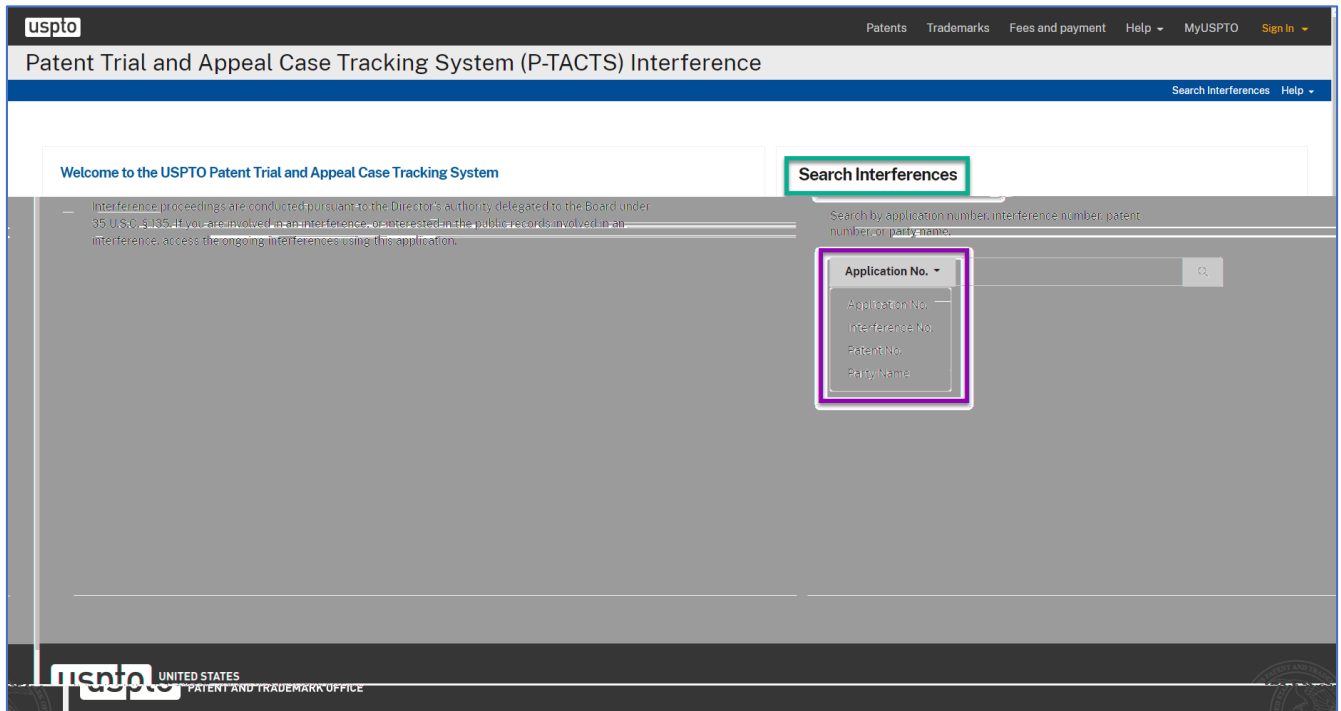


Figure 2 – Search Interferences

2.2 P-TACTS Sign In

1. Select the “Sign In” drop-down menu in the black banner to access your P-TACTS account and view your docket.

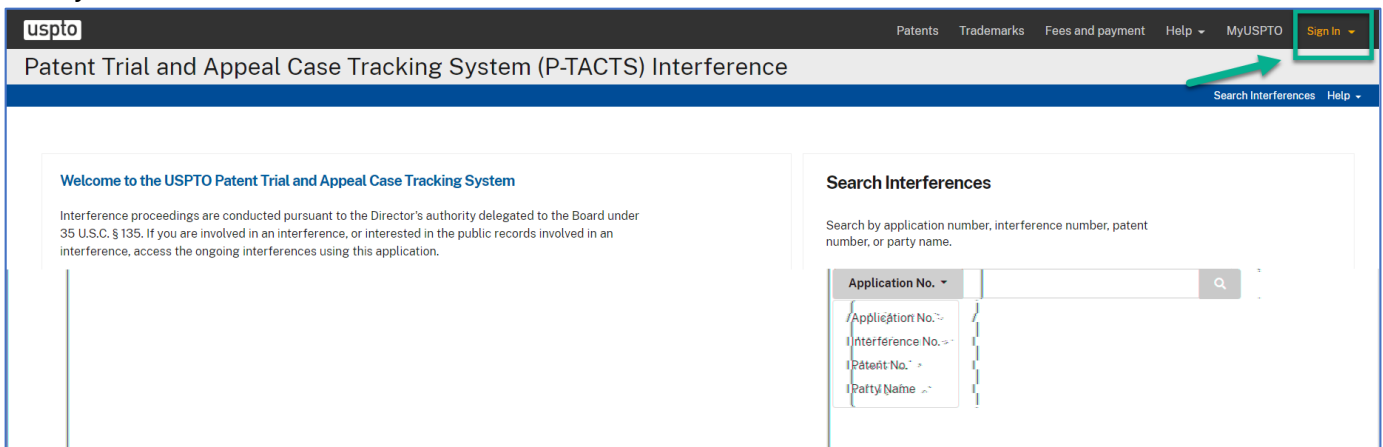
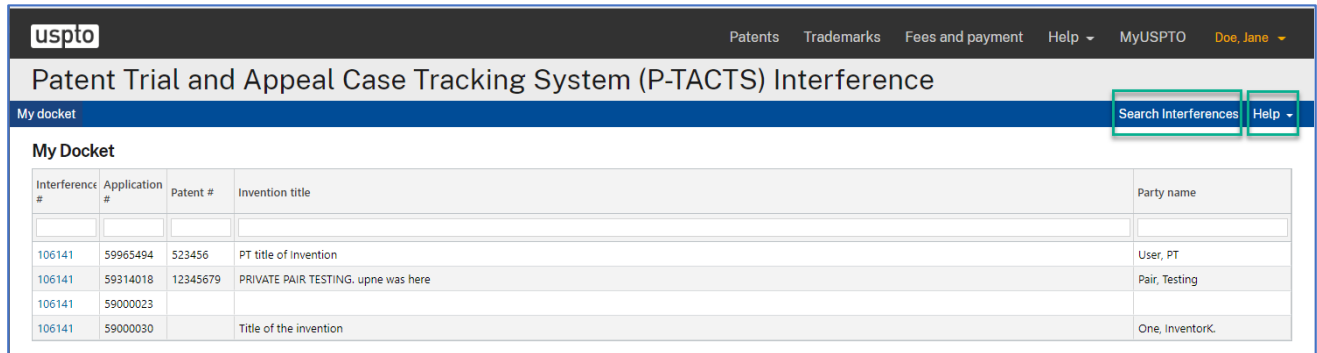


Figure 3 – Sign in to P-TACTS

2.3 My Docket

1. Upon signing in, you will be taken to "My Docket." This is a dashboard that displays all of your Interference cases in P-TACTS. On the blue menu banner, you will notice the **Search Interferences** and **Help** links:



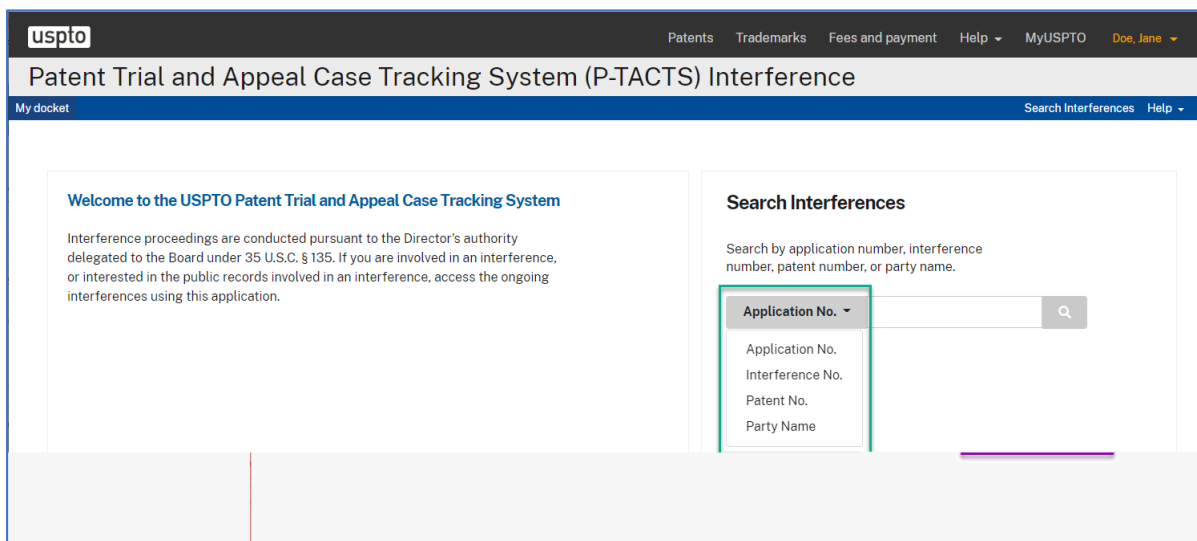
Interference #	Application #	Patent #	Invention title	Party name
106141	59965494	523456	PT title of invention	User, PT
106141	59314018	12345679	PRIVATE PAIR TESTING. upne was here	Pair, Testing
106141	59000023			
106141	59000030		Title of the invention	One, InventorK.

Figure 4 – Example P-TACTS Interferences signed in user's My Docket screen

2.4 Search P-TACTS

1. In the Search P-TACTS section, you will have the ability to perform searches while signed into P-TACTS. You can search by entering the exact Interference, Patent, or Application numbers or the full or partial Party Name.

**Application No. (exact search) | Interference No. (exact search) |
Patent No. (exact search) | Party Name (exact or partial search)**



Welcome to the USPTO Patent Trial and Appeal Case Tracking System

Interference proceedings are conducted pursuant to the Director's authority delegated to the Board under 35 U.S.C. § 135. If you are involved in an interference, or interested in the public records involved in an interference, access the ongoing interferences using this application.

Search Interferences

Search by application number, interference number, patent number, or party name.

Application No. ▾

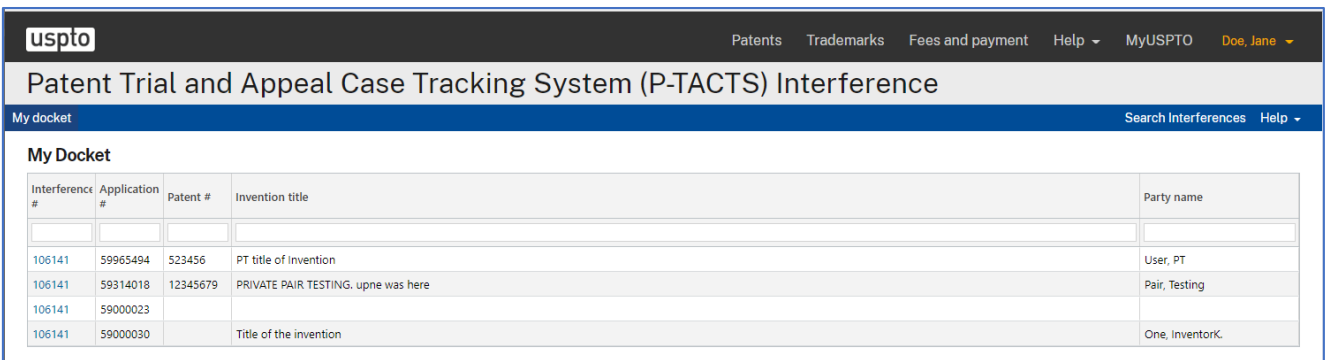
- Application No.
- Interference No.
- Patent No.
- Party Name

Figure 5 – Example P-TACTS signed in user's Search P-TACTS screen

2. This search is for cases that you are a party to, and your search results will allow you to access non-public cases and non-public documents (i.e. documents marked parties and board or filing party and board).

2.5 My Docket Table Grid

1. The My Docket table grid lists your docketed cases. Below each column heading, there is a text box that allows you to enter text to filter the information displayed in the table. You can also sort each column in ascending or descending order by selecting the column header.



The screenshot shows the USPTO My Docket screen. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the USPTO logo and links for Patents, Trademarks, Fees and payment, Help, MyUSPTO, and a user profile for Doe, Jane. Below this is the title "Patent Trial and Appeal Case Tracking System (P-TACTS) Interference" and a sub-header "My docket" with a search button and a help link. The main content is a table titled "My Docket" with the following columns: Interference #, Application #, Patent #, Invention title, and Party name. The table contains four rows of data.

Interference #	Application #	Patent #	Invention title	Party name
106141	59965494	523456	PT title of invention	User, PT
106141	59314018	12345679	PRIVATE PAIR TESTING. upne was here	Pair, Testing
106141	59000023			
106141	59000030		Title of the invention	One, InventorK.

Figure 6 - Example P-TACTS signed in user's My Docket screen

3. Case Viewer

3.1 Case Viewer

1. To access the Case Viewer for each Interference case, go to your docket and select any hyperlinked **Interference case number**.

Interference #	Application #	Patent #	Invention title	Party name
106141	59965494	523456	PT title of Invention	User, PT
106141	59314018	12345679	PRIVATE PAIR TESTING. upne was here	Pair, Testing
106141	59000023			
106141	59000030		Title of the invention	One, InventorK.

Figure 7 – Hyperlinked interference numbers in My Docket takes you to the case viewer for that case

2. After selecting the hyperlinked Interference case number, the **Case Viewer** screen will open in a new browser tab. Just below the blue menu bar, you will see a gray global header with the following sections:

- Case #
- Parties
- Last paper filed & date
- Declaration date
- Tech Center
- Related Interferences
- Judgment date (if available)

Case #	Parties	Last paper filed & date
106159	User, PT v. Pair, Testing	Test_JUDGMENT ON 23-FEB-23
Declaration date	Tech Center	Related interferences
02/22/2023	OPA	--
Judgment date		
02/23/2023		

Figure 8 – Global header of the Case Viewer

3.2 Sections

1. Just below the gray global header you will see another gray header entitled **View application information** which displays the following fields:

- Application #
- Party type
- Application title
- Application filing date
- Patent #
- Inventor name
- Real party in interest

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Case # 106159 **Parties** User, PT v. Pair, Testing **Last paper filed & date** Test_JUDGMENT ON 23-FEB-23
Declaration date 02/22/2023 **Tech Center** OPA **Related interferences** --
Judgment date 02/23/2023

View application information

Application #	Party type	Application title	Application filing date ↓	Patent #	Inventor name	Real party in interest
59965494	SR.PARTY	PT title of invention	01/01/2016	523456	User, PT	
59314018	JR.PARTY	PRIVATE PAIR TESTING. upne was here	12/12/2006	12345679	Pair, Testing	

Papers & exhibits [Add document](#)

Figure 9 – Example P-TACTS signed in user's Case Viewer screen, View application information section

2. Below the **View application information** section, you will see a **Papers & exhibits** section.

Case Viewer | My docket | Search Interferences | Help

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> View application information

Papers & exhibits Add document

Papers							Exhibits					
Paper #	Filing date (mm/dd/yy)	Paper type #	Document name	Pages	Filing party	Availability	Exhibit/Document #	Filing date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Document name	Pages	Filing party	Availability
4	02/23/2023	JUDGMENT	Test_JUDGMENT	18	BOARD	Public	2001	02/23/2023	Test_Ex. 2001	24	Pair, Testing	Filing Party a...
3	02/23/2023	BRIEF	Test_Brief	21	Pair, Testing	Filing Part...	2001	02/23/2023	Test_Exhibit 2002	17	Pair, Testing	Public
2	02/23/2023	Standing order	Test_Standing order	32	BOARD	Public						
1	02/23/2023	NOTICE TO DECL...	Test_NOTICE TO DECLARE INTE...	1	BOARD	Public						

Figure 10 – Example P-TACTS signed in user's Case Viewer screen, Papers & Exhibits section

3. Just below **Papers & exhibits** section, you will see a gray header for **Interference attorneys** with the following fields:

- Application #
- Attorney #
- Attorney name
- Attorney type

Interference attorneys Add attorney			
Application # 1 ↓	Attorney #	Attorney name	Attorney type 2 ↓
14281742	345678	Ericson Baker	LEAD
14013786	11111	Kevin Knox	LEAD

Figure 11 – Interference attorney table

4. Filing Documents

4.1 Filing Documents

1. Filing documents in P-TACTS consists of the following choices:

- Brief
- Change of address
- Designation of backup attorney
- Designation of lead attorney
- Exhibit List
- Motion
- Objections to Evidence
- Opposition
- Other: other court decision
- Other: other
- Power of Attorney
- Real Party in Interest
- Records
- Reply
- Request for Oral Argument
- Request for Rehearing
- Revoke Power of Attorney
- Notice of Appeal
- Notice of Settlement Agreement
- Transcript

4.2 Add Document

1. In the Case Viewer, select the **Add document** button.

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Papers & exhibits

Papers

Paper #	Filing date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Paper type #	Document name	Pages	Filing party	Availability
4	02/23/2023	JUDGMENT	Test_JUDGMENT	18	BOARD	Public
3	02/23/2023	BRIEF	Test_Brief	21	Pair, Testing	Filing Part...
2	02/23/2023	Standing order	Test_Standing order	32	BOARD	Public
1	02/23/2023	NOTICE TO DECL...	Test_NOTICE TO DECLARE INTE...	1	BOARD	Public

Exhibits

Exhibit/Document #	Filing date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Document name	Pages	Filing party	Availability
2001	02/23/2023	Test_Ex. 2001	24	Pair, Testing	Filing
2001	02/23/2023	Test_Exhibit.2002	17	Pair, Testing	Public

Add document

Figure 12 - Example P-TACTS signed in user's Case Viewer screen, Papers & Exhibits section, Add document button

2. Once you select the **Add document** button, you will see a pop-up window and required fields marked with red asterisks (*). The fields displayed will be the following:

- Doc type
- Filing party
- Paper type
- Availability
- Document name
- Document

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Add documents

Doc type *
 Paper Exhibit

Filing party *

Paper type *

Availability *

Document name *

Document *

List of documents

Doc #	Upload date	Doc type	Paper type	Document name	Pages	Availability	Action(s)
No document added yet. Use the form above to add documents.							

Figure 13 – Add documents window

4.3 Add to List and Submit

1. Complete all of the required fields, and notice that the “**Add to list**” button is now blue and active. You will have the opportunity to select “**Clear form**” if the information is incorrect. When you ready to upload the document, select “**Add to list.**”

The screenshot shows a web interface for adding documents. The form includes the following fields and controls:

- Availability ***: A dropdown menu set to "Public".
- Doc type ***: Radio buttons for "Paper" (selected) and "Exhibit".
- Filing party ***: A dropdown menu set to "Pair, Testing".
- Paper type ***: A text input field containing "BRIEF".
- Document name ***: A text input field containing "Brief".
- Document ***: A "Select file..." button and a text input field containing "8adea2eb-5c4b-4c07-9911-".
- Buttons**: "Clear form" (grey), "Add to list" (blue and highlighted with a green box), "Submit" (grey), and "Cancel and close" (grey).

Below the form is a "List of documents" table with the following columns: Doc #, Upload date, Doc type, Paper type, and Document name. The table is currently empty, with a message below it stating "No document added yet. Use the form above to add documents".

Figure 14 – Add to list button on Add documents window

2. Once you select the **Add to list** button, you will see your document in the **List of documents** table with the following columns:
 - Doc #
 - Upload date
 - Doc type
 - Paper type
 - Document name
 - Pages

- Availability
- Action(s)

3. You will have the option to select the “**Cancel and close**” or the “**Submit**” buttons.

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Doc type *
 Paper Exhibit

Filing party * **Paper type *** **Availability ***

Document name * **Document ***

List of documents

Doc #	Upload date	Doc type	Paper type	Document name	Pages	Availability	Action(s)
–	02/23/2023 01:46 PM ET	Paper	BRIEF	Brief	18	Public	<input type="button" value="edit"/> <input type="button" value="delete"/>

Figure 15 – Submit and Cancel and close buttons

4. Clicking the “**Submit**” will close the Add documents window and a message will appear confirming successful submission. In addition, you should see your just submitted paper or exhibit in the **Papers & Exhibits** section.

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Document upload
 ✓ Document(s) uploaded successfully.

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> View application information

Papers & exhibits **Add document**

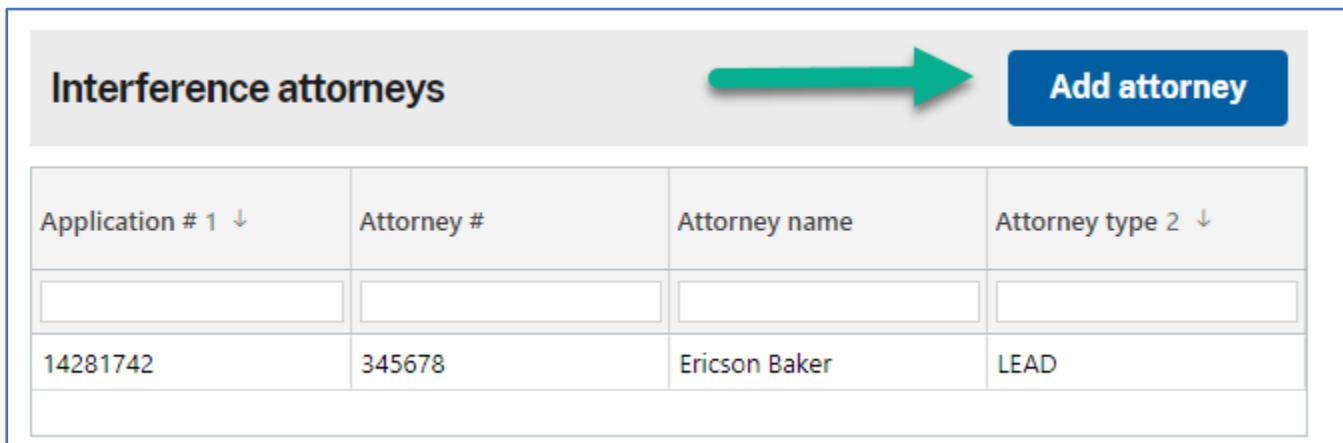
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5	02/23/2023	BRIEF	Brief	18	Pair, Testing	Public						
4	02/23/2023	JUDGMENT	Test_JUDGMENT	18	BOARD	Public	2001	02/23/2023	Test_Ex. 2001	24	Pair, Testing	Filing Party a...
3	02/23/2023	BRIEF	Test_Brief	21	Pair, Testing	Filing Part...	2001	02/23/2023	Test_Exhibit 2002	17	Pair, Testing	Public
2	02/23/2023	Standing order	Test_Standing order	32	BOARD	Public						
1	02/23/2023	NOTICE TO DECL...	Test_NOTICE TO DECLARE INTE...	1	BOARD	Public						

Figure 16 – Successful document upload

5. Add Attorney

5.1 Add Attorney

1. To add an attorney, go to the **Interference attorneys** section on the Case Viewer screen and select the **Add attorney** button. This will open a pop-up window.

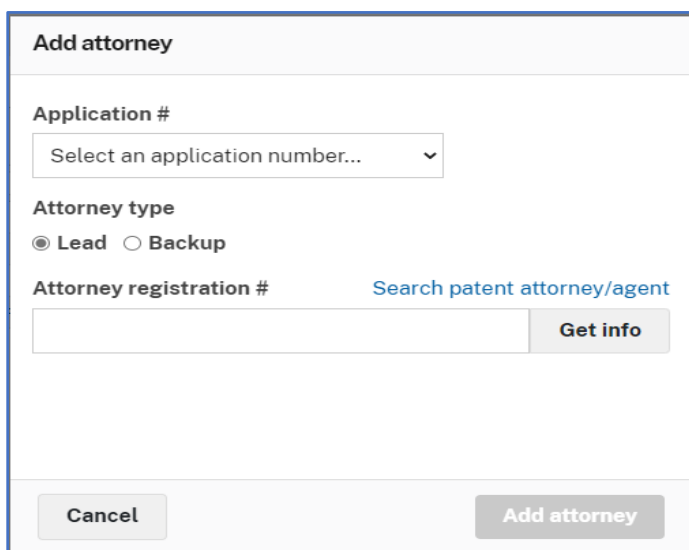


The screenshot shows the 'Interference attorneys' section of a software interface. At the top, there is a header bar with the text 'Interference attorneys' on the left and a blue button labeled 'Add attorney' on the right. A green arrow points from the text 'Interference attorneys' towards the 'Add attorney' button. Below the header is a table with four columns: 'Application # 1 ↓', 'Attorney #', 'Attorney name', and 'Attorney type 2 ↓'. The table contains one row of data: '14281742', '345678', 'Ericson Baker', and 'LEAD'. There are also empty input fields in the first three columns of the table.

Application # 1 ↓	Attorney #	Attorney name	Attorney type 2 ↓
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
14281742	345678	Ericson Baker	LEAD

Figure 17 – Add attorney button in the Interference attorneys section

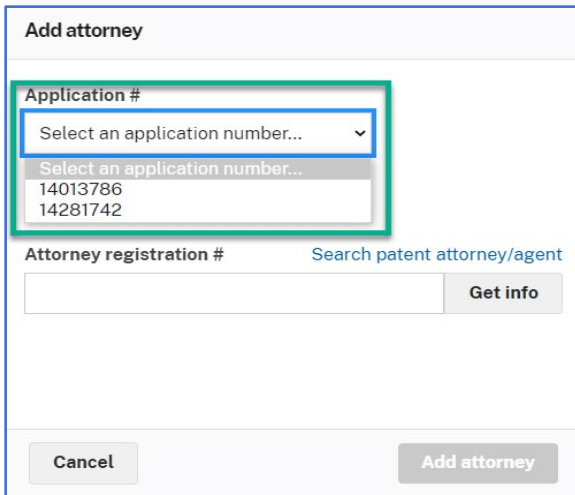
2. From the **Add Attorney** window, you must enter the required information in the following fields:
 - Application #
 - Attorney type
 - Attorney registration #



The screenshot shows the 'Add attorney' pop-up window. It has a title bar 'Add attorney'. Below the title bar, there are three main sections: 'Application #' with a dropdown menu showing 'Select an application number...'; 'Attorney type' with radio buttons for 'Lead' (selected) and 'Backup'; and 'Attorney registration #' with a text input field and a 'Get info' button. At the bottom of the window, there are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Add attorney'.

Figure 18 – Add attorney window

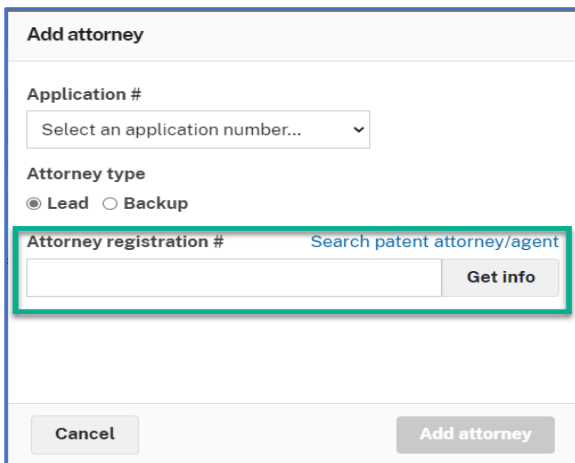
- From the drop-down menu in the **Application #** field, select the application of the party that attorney will represent.



The screenshot shows a form titled "Add attorney". At the top, there is a section for "Application #". A dropdown menu is open, showing "Select an application number..." at the top, followed by two options: "14013786" and "14281742". Below this, there is a text field for "Attorney registration #" and a "Get info" button. To the right of the text field is a blue hyperlink that says "Search patent attorney/agent". At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Add attorney".

Figure 19 – Select application number for attorney

- In the **Attorney type** section, select the appropriate radio button designating the attorney to be added as lead or backup attorney. See Figure 20.
- The **Attorney registration #** text field allows you to select the attorney you wish to add by entering the USPTO registration number and selecting the **Get info** button. Also note, for further information, the "Search patent attorney/agent" hyperlink, when selected, will take you to the USPTO website's Office of Enrollment and Discipline (OED) Practitioner Finder webpage.



The screenshot shows the "Add attorney" form. The "Application #" dropdown menu is now closed. Below it, the "Attorney type" section has two radio buttons: "Lead" (which is selected) and "Backup". Below that, the "Attorney registration #" text field is highlighted with a green box, and the "Get info" button is also highlighted. The "Search patent attorney/agent" hyperlink is visible to the right of the text field. At the bottom, the "Cancel" and "Add attorney" buttons are present.

Figure 20 – Enter attorney registration number to add attorney

- If your search is successful on the OED Practitioner Finder webpage, the attorney's name, email address, and attorney registration number will be displayed below the search field. You can

then select the **Add attorney** button to complete the process and return you to the Case Viewer screen.

Add attorney

Application #
14013786

Attorney type
 Lead Backup

Attorney registration # [Search patent attorney/agent](#)
11111

Kevin Knox
test_kevinknox06@gmail.com
11111

Figure 21 – Active Add attorney button

7. On the Case Viewer screen, you will see the attorney you just added in the **Interference attorneys** section.

Interference attorneys

Application # 1 ↓	Attorney #	Attorney name	Attorney type 2 ↓
14281742	345678	Ericson Baker	LEAD
14013786	11111	Kevin Knox	LEAD

Figure 22 – Successfully added attorney displayed in Interference attorneys section