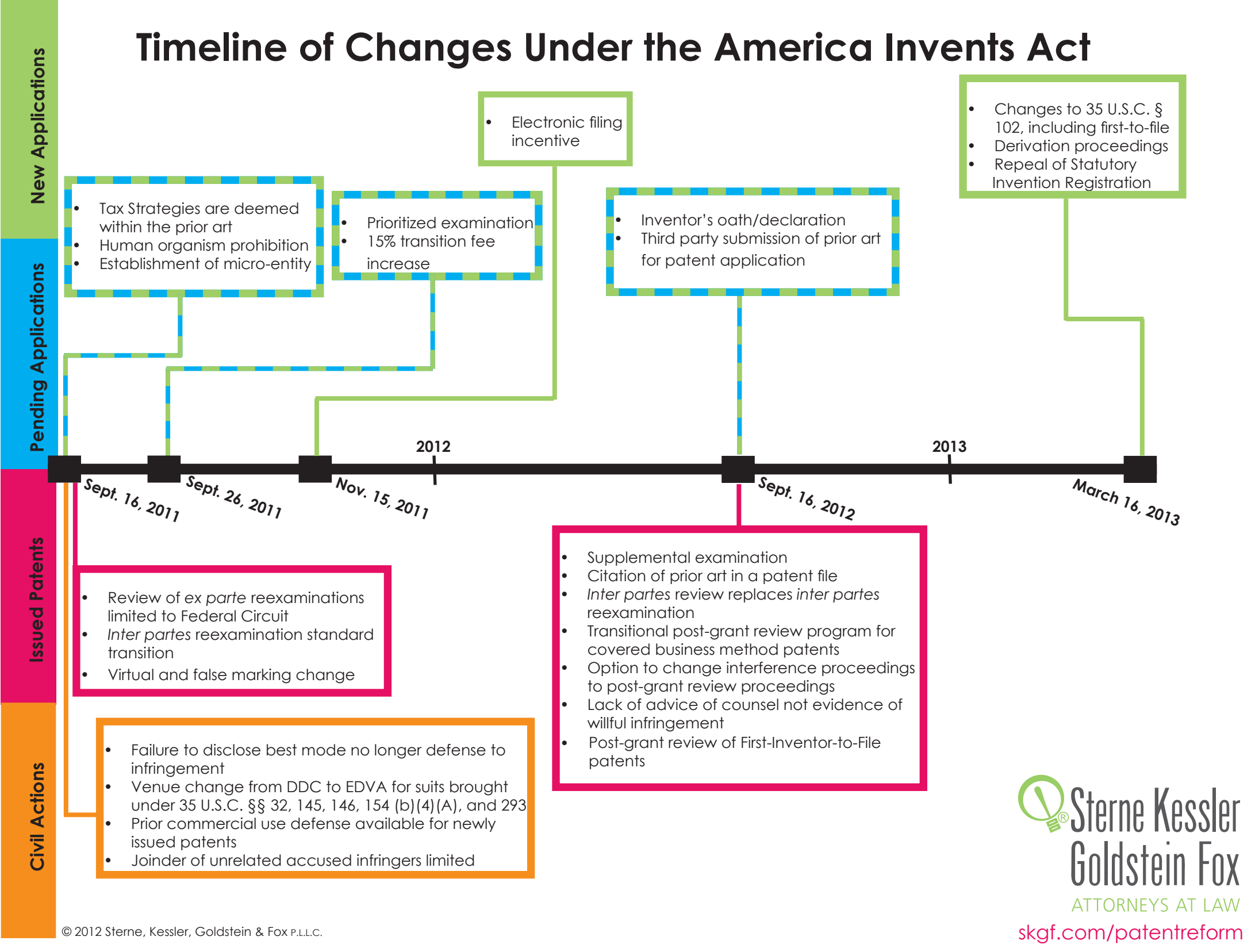


Timeline of Changes Under the America Invents Act



New Applications

Pending Applications

Issued Patents

Civil Actions

- Tax Strategies are deemed within the prior art
- Human organism prohibition
- Establishment of micro-entity

- Prioritized examination
- 15% transition fee increase

- Electronic filing incentive

- Inventor's oath/declaration
- Third party submission of prior art for patent application

- Changes to 35 U.S.C. § 102, including first-to-file
- Derivation proceedings
- Repeal of Statutory Invention Registration

Sept. 16, 2011

Sept. 26, 2011

Nov. 15, 2011

2012

Sept. 16, 2012

2013

March 16, 2013

- Review of *ex parte* reexaminations limited to Federal Circuit
- *Inter partes* reexamination standard transition
- Virtual and false marking change

- Supplemental examination
- Citation of prior art in a patent file
- *Inter partes* review replaces *inter partes* reexamination
- Transitional post-grant review program for covered business method patents
- Option to change interference proceedings to post-grant review proceedings
- Lack of advice of counsel not evidence of willful infringement
- Post-grant review of First-Inventor-to-File patents

- Failure to disclose best mode no longer defense to infringement
- Venue change from DDC to EDVA for suits brought under 35 U.S.C. §§ 32, 145, 146, 154 (b)(4)(A), and 293
- Prior commercial use defense available for newly issued patents
- Joinder of unrelated accused infringers limited