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Dear Colleagues:

One of the micro-entity requirements is “Has not been named as an inventor on more than four previously filed patent applications.”

It would be nice if there was some type of time requirement like “Has not been named as an inventor on more than four previously filed patent applications over the last 20 years.”

For example I am working with an inventor (He is in his 80's) who did quite a bit of patenting during the 1960's but is less active now. He would probably qualify as a micro-entity if there was the time limitation proposed above.

Truly yours,

Robert Goozner



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