

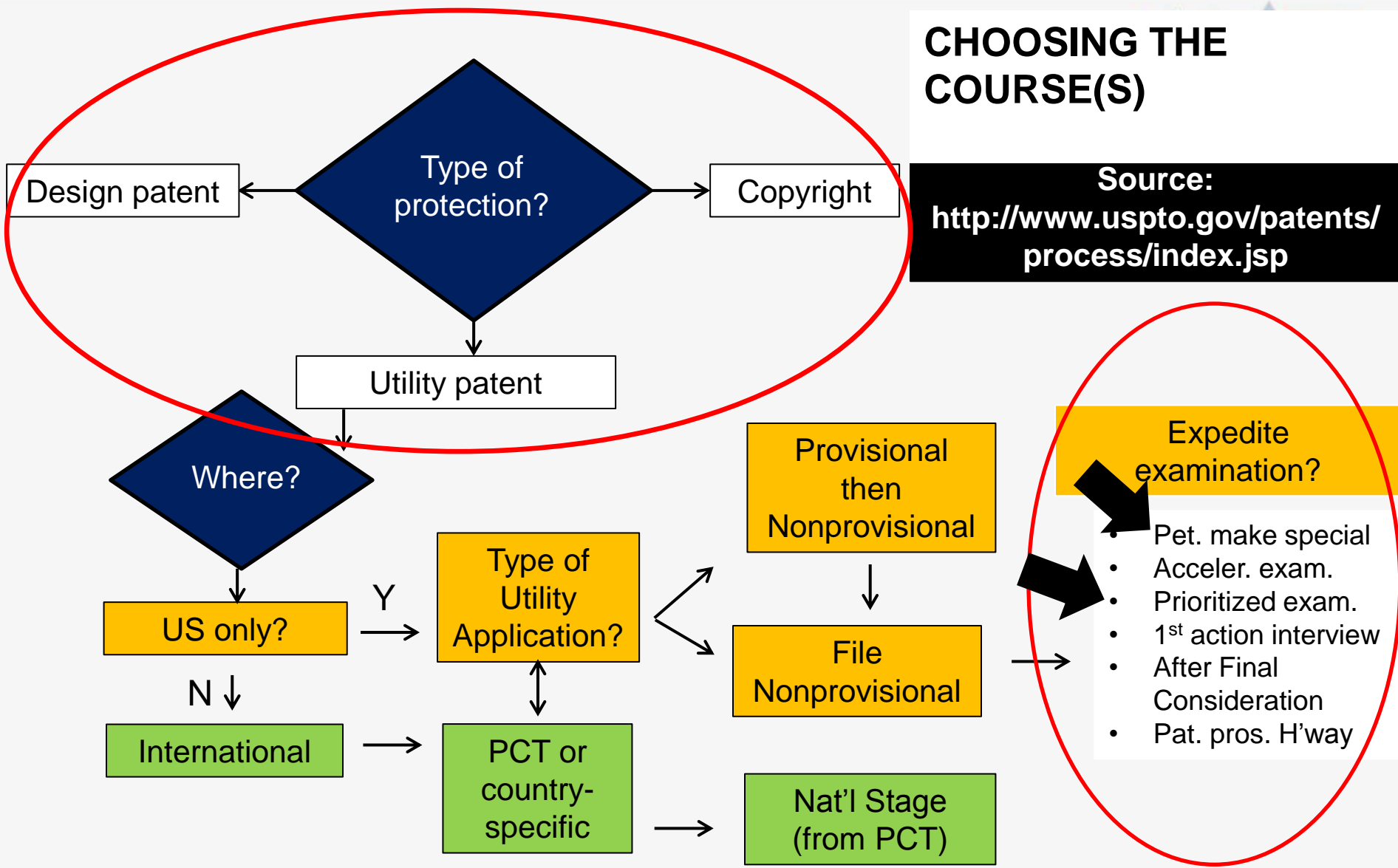
Clearing the Hurdles: Patent Examination at the USPTO

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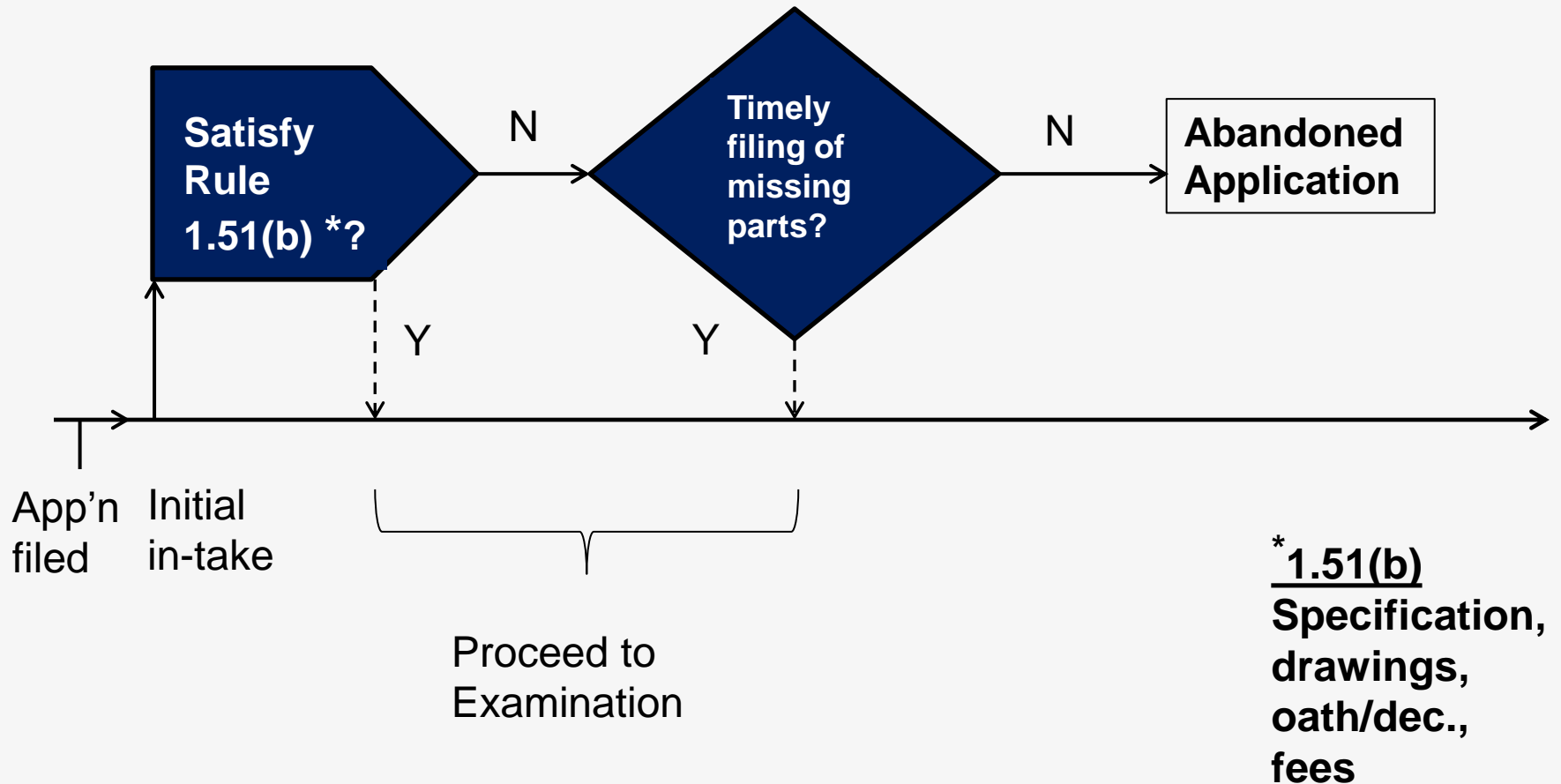


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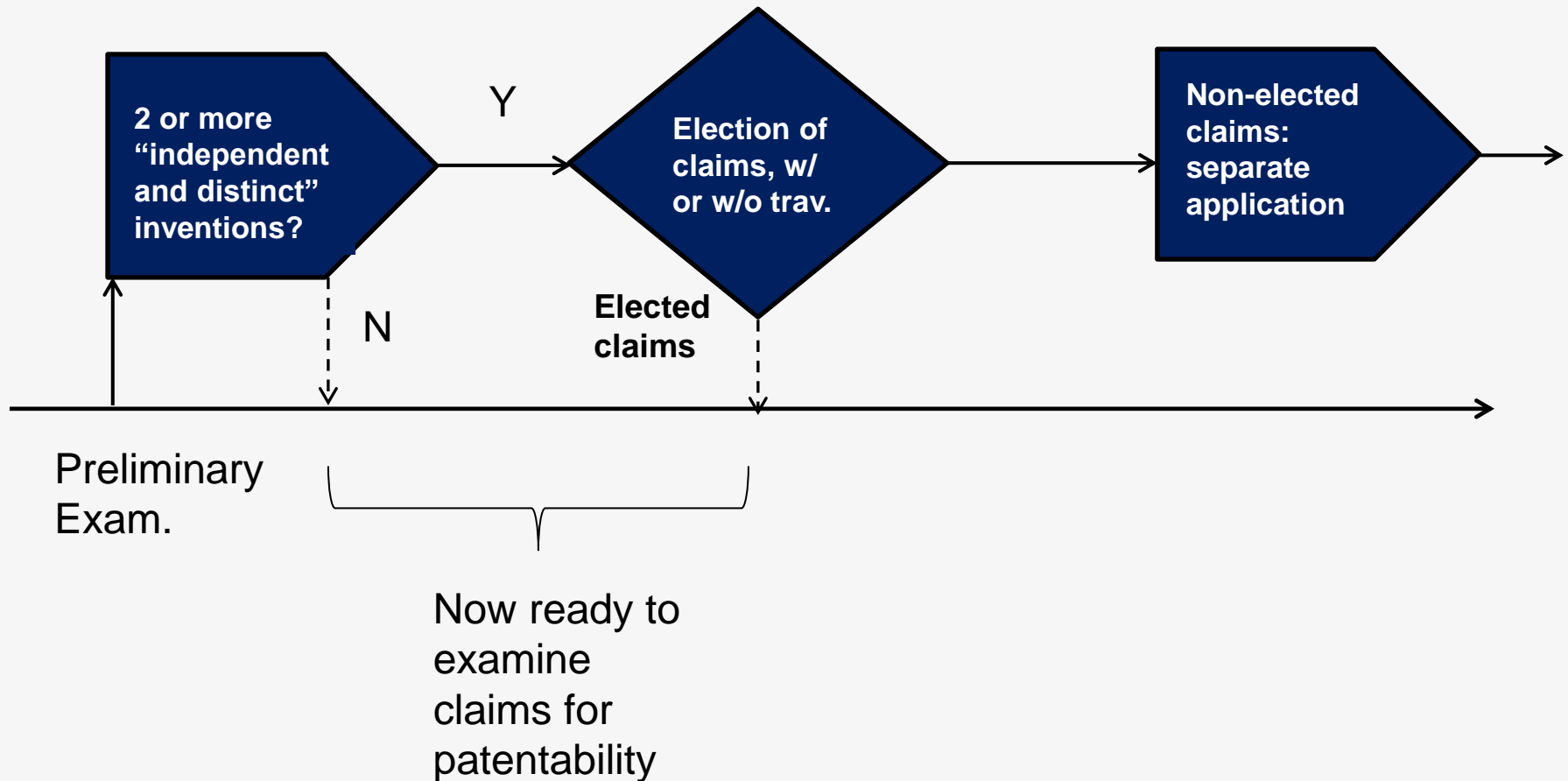
- Objective
 - To write the broadest allowable claim(s)
- Patent prosecution is a **NEGOTIATION** between the USPTO and the applicant
- Negotiation may include:
 - Explaining (arguing) how the invention is different from the cited prior art
 - modifying the claims
 - narrow

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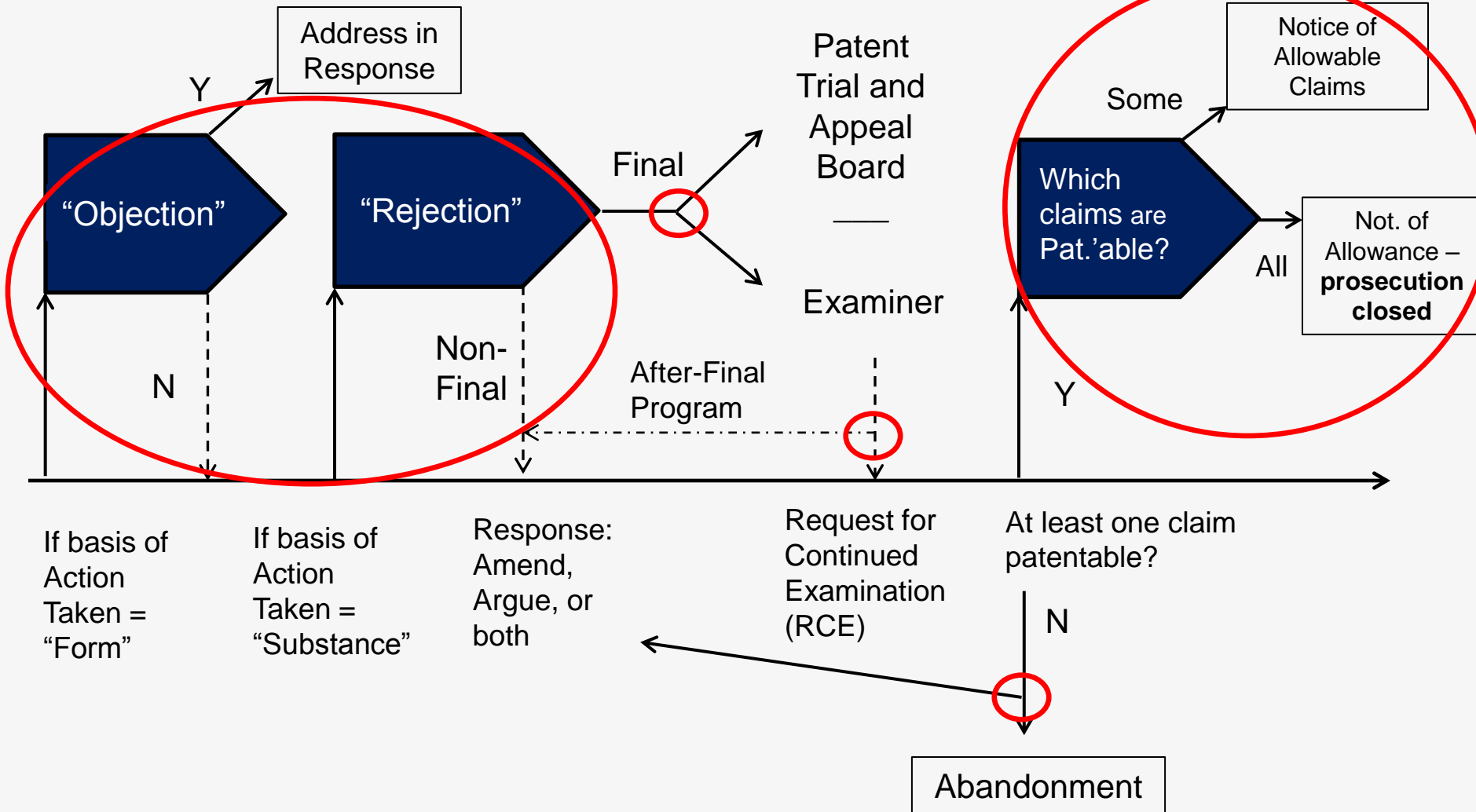
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