

The United States Patent & Trademark Office has issued its long-awaited guidance for examiners in the wake of the Supreme Court's decisions in Myriad Genetics and Prometheus. The document, "Guidance for Determining Subject Matter Eligibility of Claims Reciting or Involving Laws of Nature, Natural Phenomena, & Natural Products," was accompanied by a Quick Reference Sheet.

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Our instant reaction is that PTO interprets that Supreme Court as wanting "more" than a law of nature, a natural phenomenon or a natural product, but knowing how much more, and what kind of more, will take some experience under the new Guidance. That said, the Guidance provides some very helpful and detailed sample analyses of patentability.

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