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Course Timed Agenda

Broken Line Statements in Design Patent Applications

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Instructional time:	75.9 minutes (excludes opening/closing and administrative remarks)

Timed Schedule of Segments

Start	Segment and Subject Matter	Min.
0:00:00	<i>Introductory and administrative remarks: welcome, presenter background, publication disclaimer, verification-code housekeeping (not instructional)</i>	2.4
0:02:22	Overview and roadmap of topics.	2.1
0:04:30	Theory of broken lines: claimed versus unclaimed subject matter (In re Zahn; In re Blum).	3.5
0:08:00	The two requirements: identifying the lines and stating their relationship to the claim.	4.2
0:12:09	Vocabulary: portions, environment, boundaries, and stitching.	4.7
0:16:53	Placement of the statement in the application.	1.3
0:18:09	Grammar and word choice: that / which / and, and the MPEP form paragraph.	14.6
0:32:42	Common rejection patterns.	11.0
0:43:41	Special situations and drawing conventions: boundary lines, GUIs, enlarged views, stippling, shading, hidden features, alternate positions.	23.0
1:06:44	Strategic use: broadening, narrowing, prosecution-history estoppel, and conversion.	6.7
1:13:24	Working method, drafting checklist, and summary.	4.9
1:18:16	<i>Closing remarks (sign-off) (not instructional)</i>	0.1
	Total instructional time	75.9

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