Additional Potential Reforms to Improve Patent Notice and Claim Construction

(1) Should applicants be required to designate a dictionary (technical or general) for use in defining any claim terms that are not specifically defined in the specification?

(2) Should applicants be required to incorporate standard definitions established by the art units for any terms that are defined in the specification?

(3) For preambles, should applicants be asked (by "ticking a box") whether the preamble is intended not to be limiting (the default would be that it is limiting)?

(4) For means plus function claims, should applicants be required to specify the corresponding structure in the specification?

(5) For claims of priority in CIPs:
   (i) Should applicants be required to specify where the support for each claim is found in the claimed priority specification or the added matter?
   (ii) Should applicants also be required to submit a "track changes" version of the new content in the CIP?