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# Why Patent Eligibility is Ripe for SCOTUS Review

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A recent case has only added to the clamor for clarity on Section 101, says Phil Harris of Holland & Hart.

*In yet another interesting patent eligibility case, the Supreme Court has once again requested input and insight from the US solicitor general.*

*The patentee in Tropp v. Travel Sentry obtained claims directed to “[a] method of improving airline luggage inspection by a luggage screening entity.”*

*The claims included features of “making available to consumers a special lock having a combination lock portion and a master key lock portion,” and “marketing the special lock to the consumers in a manner that conveys to the consumers that the special lock will be subjected by the luggage screening entity [e.g., the Transportation Security Administration (TSA)],” among others.*

In this *World Intellectual Property Review* guest article, Holland & Hart partner Phil Harris, whose practice focuses on preparing and prosecuting U.S. and foreign patent applications and contesting intellectual property disputes, explores several recent eligibility cases.

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