

Instructions for AIA/81

Power of Attorney to One or More Joint Inventors And Change of Correspondence Address

This power of attorney form is to be used by *pro se* inventors who are the applicant for a patent to appoint one or more of the joint inventors as having a power of attorney in the application file. *Pro se* means prosecuting the application without representation by a patent practitioner (patent attorney or patent agent). This power of attorney permits the appointed inventor(s) to sign all correspondence on behalf of all of the inventors. If no power of attorney is given to one or more of the joint inventors, then **all** of the joint inventors who are the applicant for a patent must sign patent application correspondence being filed with the USPTO.

These instructions track the various boxes and information items that must be supplied to complete the form.

Application Number: Print or type the application number of the patent application. Leave this field blank if the declaration is being submitted with the application papers.

Filing Date: Print or type the date that the patent application was filed. Leave this field blank if the declaration is being submitted with application papers.

First Named Inventor: Print or type the last name of the first-listed inventor.

Art Unit: Print or type the patent examination unit to which the patent application has been assigned, if known.

Examiner Name: Print or type the name of the patent examiner to which the patent application has been assigned for examination, if known.

Title: Print or type the title of the invention as identified on the first page of your patent application specification.

I hereby revoke all previous powers of attorney given in the above-identified application:

Check the box where all of the inventors wish to permit one or more joint inventors to have a power of attorney in the application file and sign correspondence on behalf of all of the inventors. In the box, print or type the names of the joint inventors who are being given power of attorney. The joint inventors who are identified in the box will be required to sign all patent application correspondence that is submitted to the USPTO.

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SIGNATURE of Inventor:

- **Signature:** The person identified on the Inventor line should sign the power of attorney form. The power of attorney may be signed with a handwritten signature in dark ink (37 CFR 1.4(d)(1)) or with an “S-signature” (a typed signature between forward slashes, 37 CFR 1.4(d)(2)).
- **Date:** Print or type the date that the named inventor signs the power of attorney. An inventor is not required to date the power of attorney form. However, the Office recommends providing a date.
- **Inventor:** Print or type the legal name (*e.g.*, Given Name (first and middle (if any)) and Family Name or Surname) of the inventor who is signing the power of attorney form.
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