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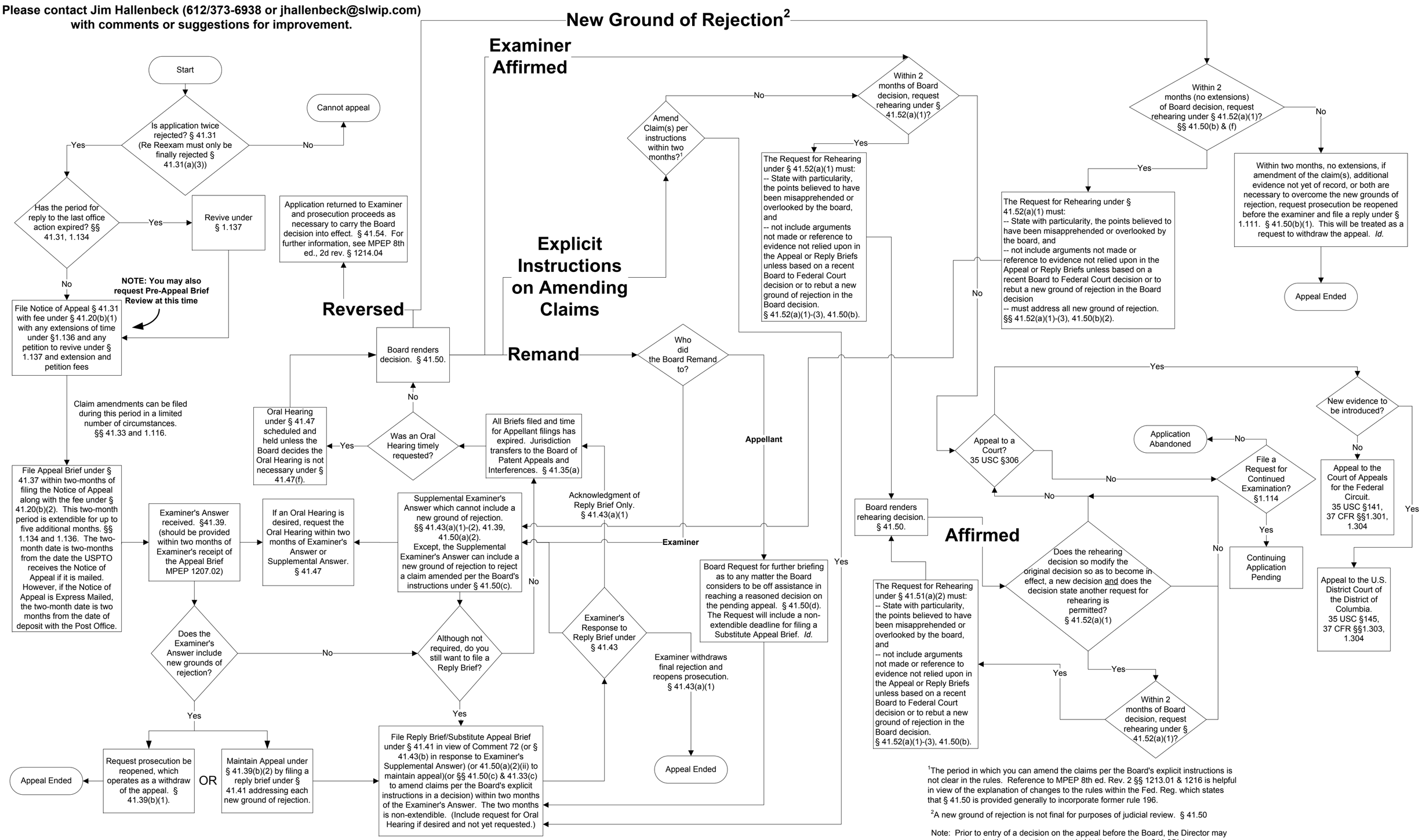

[1]The period in which you can amend the claims per the Board's explicit instructions is not clear in the rules. Reference to MPEP 8th ed. Rev. 2 §§ 1213.01 & 1216 is helpful in view of the explanation of changes to the rules within the Fed. Reg. which states that § 41.50 is provided generally to incorporate former rule 196.

[2]A new ground of rejection is not final for purposes of judicial review. § 41.50

Note: Prior to entry of a decision on the appeal before the Board, the Director may sua sponte order the proceeding remanded to the examiner. §41.35(c).