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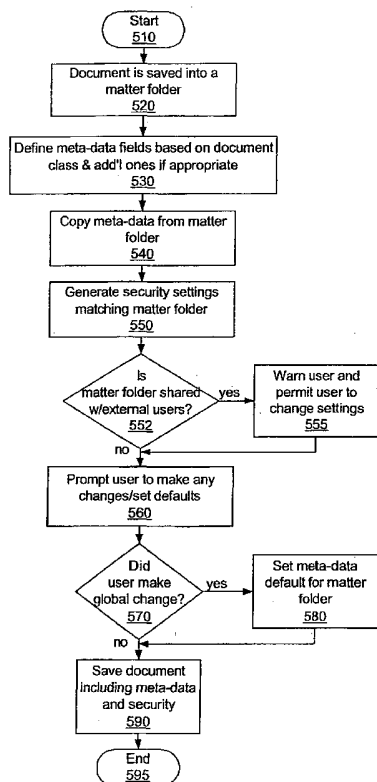
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(54) Title: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MATTER-CENTRIC DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT

(57) Abstract: A method (fig. 6A) and apparatus for providing a
matter-centric document organization (fig. 5, 520) is described. The
matter-centric document management (520) system creates a single
workspace (fig. 10) for all information. The information (fig. 2A)
includes tasks, events, and discussions. In one embodiment, the
workspace (figs. 10,14) may further include people, time and billing
reports (fig. 9).



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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

Group I, claim(s) 1-18, drawn to a method of implementing a matter-centric document management system.

Group II, claim(s) 19-20, drawn to a server to maintain.

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