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U.S. DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION TIMELINE ¹

Time:	USPTO Time: 0 months	Time: 1 mos.	Time: 2 mos.	Time: 6 mos.	Time: 7 mos.	Time: 9 mos.	Time: 12 mos.
	PREPARE DESIGN APPLICATION	Electronic <u>FILING</u> at USPTO File IDS, File Assignment	1) Receive Notice <u>MISSING PARTS</u> from USPTO 2) Reply to NMP within 2 months: a) Submit Inventors Declaration and Pay any extra claim fees, b) submit corrected drawings	1) Receive the Patent Examiner's Report (aka "OFFICE ACTION"). 2) Develop strategy for responding to office action; editing the claims to address the Examiner's rejections and/or amend the remaining text to address any objections.	1) <u>INTERVIEW</u> the Examiner to minimize the written record. 2) File <u>RESPONSE</u> , i.e. the edited claims are called amendments.	1) Receive the Notice of <u>ALLOWANCE</u> . 2) Pay final <u>ISSUE FEE</u> to have patent proceed to granting phase. Re-File application to pursue <u>DIVISIONAL</u> patents on "non-elected inventions from the RESTRICTION.	1) Receive & forward to client for safekeeping the Official "Title", aka the <u>GRANT OF U.S. LETTERS PATENT</u> . 2) Review grant for <u>ERRORS</u> , and file Certificate of <u>CORRECTION</u> to fix typos, etc.
Legal Fees	\$1500	\$450 Filing \$450 IDS \$350 Assignmt	a) \$450 b) \$150 per page	\$450	\$1500 - \$2000	\$500	\$500
USPTO Fees ²		\$220 Filing \$100 Search \$140 Exam \$40 Assignment	Add'l Fees vary based on extra claims fees and late filing surcharges			\$860	

TOTAL MINIMUM PROFESSIONAL FEES³ - PREPARATION TO FILING TO GRANT: ~ \$5,350+

TOTAL MINIMUM USPTO FEES TO GRANT²: ~ \$1,360+

(1) ALL TIMES AND COSTS WILL VARY; EACH CASE WILL DIFFER)
 (2) USPTO FEES REDUCED 50% IF <500 EMPLOYEES IN COMPANY
 (3) INCLUDES THE COST TO WRITE THE PATENT APPLICATION WHICH CAN VARY BASED ON STRATEGY AND DIFFICULTY