

JUNEAU PARTNERS IP LAW FIRM

A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE PATENTING PROCESS

U.S. Constitution Article I, Section 8, Clause 8
To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries

A few quotes ...

Next came the patent laws. These began in England in 1624, and in this country with the adoption of our Constitution. Before then, any man might instantly use what another man had invented, so that the inventor had no special advantage from his invention. The patent system changed this; it secured to the inventor for a limited the exclusive use of his invention and thereby added the fuel of interest to the fire of genius in discovery and production of new and useful things."

Abraham Lincoln.

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

Thomas Alva Edison.

I haven't failed. I've tried 10,000 ways that did not work.

Thomas Alva Edison.

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THE PATENT PROCESS

The patenting process doesn't have to be complicated;
when you know what you're doing it's as easy as 1-2-3.

At Juneau Partners IP Law Firm, we know how to protect your inventions
and let you get on with the rest of your business.

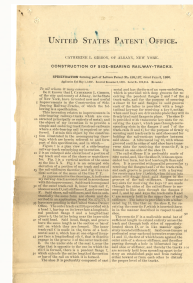
(1) PERFORM PATENT SEARCH



Here, we look for people who invented it before you. on this search. Yes; that's what we said. Unless an extensive validity search or freedom to operate search is performed (\$15,000 - \$40,000), it is nearly impossible to answer these questions: (i) was I first? (ii) will my product infringe anybody else's patent? and (iii) will my patent block anyone who sells my invention? This search only tells us that we did or did not find anything in the documents we looked at. The reason we do the search is that usually an experienced patent attorney or searcher will find close, or on-target, patents or publications which provide critical guidance in (a) avoiding being sued, and (b) drafting a patent application that takes the prior patents into consideration and thus avoids being "dead-ended" when the Examiner does his or her search.

COST: \$700 - \$1050* *Note: if you choose to draft and file an application with our firm, these fees are credited towards the application drafting project

(2) DESCRIBE YOUR INVENTION IN AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT



Drafting a application requires us to describe (a) How to MAKE the invention , and (b) How to USE the invention. An application has: (1) Drawings of the invention and variants, (2) A list of materials, (3) Assembly instructions, (4) Descriptions of examples and variations, (5) A background section that describes the problem being addressed and prior patents, (6) An abstract, and (7) A specific recitation of what is claimed as the inventive property to be patented.

COST: Mechanical Invention: \$4500 - \$6000
Complex Mechanical: \$8000 - \$10,000
Electronic or Electrical Device: \$6000 - \$8000
Complex Electrical Device/System: \$9000 - \$12,000
Chemical, Polymer, Nanotech etc. Invention: \$6000 - \$8000
Biotechnology Invention: \$8000 - \$10,000
Design Patent: \$1500

(3) FILE THE APPLICATION AT THE U.S. PATENT OFFICE



(a) Filing the application requires paying fees and submitting documents.
(b) the "Mail Room" conducts a Pre-Examination and nearly always requires some minor amendments.
(c) After leaving the "Mail Room", the application is forwarded to the Patent Examiner, where it sits for 6 months to 3 years.
(d) The Examiner conducts a search and writes up a Report on his or her findings as to why the application cannot be granted (yet).
(e) We conduct an interview with the Examiner, submitting required changes.
(f) The Examiner then re-considers the amended application and grants a Notice of Allowance.
(g) We then pay the Issue Fee and the application for patent is Granted.

COST for (a) and (b): \$1500 - \$2000, (includes payment of U.S. Govt fees of between \$500 - \$1000). **COST** for (c) - (g) : \$3500 - \$4500 (includes payment of U.S. Govt fees of about \$1000).