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U.S. PATENT APPLICATION TIMELINE ¹

Time:	USPTO Time: 0 months	Time: 2 mos.	Time: 3 mos.	Time: 12 mos.	Time: 15 mos.	Time: 17 mos.	Time: 21 mos.	Time: 24 mos.	Time: Years after grant
	Electronic FILING at USPTO	File IDS, File Assign-ment In Biotech Cases, File Sequence Listing	1) Receive Notice MISSING PARTS 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 Patent Examiner's Letter to RESTRICT claims; 2) File response within 3 months to elect one invention to go forward with examination. Refile on other inventions now or wait to file DIVISIONAL before the first application is granted.	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) INTERVIEW the Examiner to minimize the written record. 2) File RESPONSE, i.e. the edited claims are called amendments. NOTE: The application is made public by the USPTO at about 19 months.	1) Receive the Notice of ALLOWANCE. 2) Pay final ISSUE FEE to have patent proceed to granting phase. Re-File application to pursue DIVISIONAL patents on "non-elected inventions from the RESTRICTION.	1) Receive & forward to client for safekeeping the Official "Title", aka the GRANT OF U.S. LETTERS PATENT. 2) Review grant for ERRORS, and file Certificate of CORRECTION to fix typos, etc.	Maintenance Fee #1 Due 3.5 Years After Grant Maintenance Fee #2 Due 7.5 Years After Grant Maintenance Fee #3 Due 11.5 Years After Grant
Legal Fees	\$450	\$450 IDS \$350 Asgn \$600 Seqnc	a) \$450 b) \$150 per page	\$450	\$1500 - \$2000	\$1500 - \$2500	\$500	\$500	\$450
USPTO Fees ²	\$82	\$40	\$540 Search Fee \$220 Exam Fee Add'l Fees vary based on extra claims fees and late filing surcharges				\$1,510		\$980 \$2,480 \$4,110

TOTAL MINIMUM PROFESSIONAL FEES³ - FILING TO GRANT: ~ \$5,500+

TOTAL MINIMUM USPTO FEES TO GRANT: ~ \$2,400+

(1) ALL TIMES AND COSTS WILL VARY; EACH CASE WILL DIFFER)

(2) USPTO FEES REDUCED 50% IF <500 EMPLOYEES IN COMPANY

(3) DOES NOT INCLUDE THE COST TO WRITE THE PATENT APPLICATION WHICH CAN VARY BASED ON STRATEGY AND DIFFICULTY

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