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Inventors News

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President's Corner

The Board of Directors thanks **James E. Richardson** for his insightful presentation on *Increasing the Probability of Success as an Inventor/Entrepreneur*. Some key points made:

- Inventions are 80% technically driven and 20% market driven.
- Provisional Patent Application can be used to your advantage enabling market test as patent pending product.
- Research idea thoroughly and have a functioning prototype to show what distinguishes your product from others.
- Determine your risk tolerance up front (how much money you are willing to risk on the venture).
- Pay attention to costs (tooling, raw materials, and design).

Identifying a product need, researching the concept, and developing the product from idea through prototype development are only part of the process. Equally important are sourcing and contract manufacturing, financing and advancing the product to the marketplace.

In other news, the USPTO Independent Inventors Transcript of the February 28, 2008 On-line Chat is now available at *On Line for Independent Inventors* page (www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/iip/onlineiip.htm). The next on-line chat is scheduled for April 15, 2008 and the information will be posted on the USPTO homepage.

Regards,

Albert Newman

USPTO Online Chat Series - February 28th

Geo: (Feb 28, 2008 2:35:15 PM)

I understand that design applications can not get priority from provisionals, but that design applications can be a divisional of a utility patent (assuming the Utility has drawings showing the ornamentation). My question is: What if a Provisional is converted to a Utility? Can that Utility then have a divisional design application, effectively getting the provisional's date?

USPTO Expert3: (Feb 28, 2008 2:35:18 PM) EDITED ANSWER

Geo – If you “convert” a provisional application into a non-provisional application (see 37 CFR 1.53(c)(3)), and NOT just filing a non-provisional application that claims the benefit of the filing date of the provisional application, then you may file a divisional design application that claims the benefit of the original filing date (which is the filing date of the now converted non-provisional application). However, if you have originally filed a provisional application and then within one year you filed a non-provisional application claiming the benefit of the filing date of the provisional application then your divisional design application stemming from the non-provisional application would only be entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the non-provisional application and NOT the benefit of the filing date of the provisional application. Designs may not claim benefit to a provisional application.

MrsLMA: (Feb 28, 2008 2:40:49 PM)

Filing a Provisional app. gives me affordable means to obtain protection while seeking out manufacturers (Patent Pending). But I know that my invention will only get Design credits in the long run. Do I forfeit my ability to claim the early filing date if I file for Design within a year? What is best?

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Please visit our website to view the photos of the Feb 2nd Inventors Expo.

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*Dr. Mario Sergio
Golab*

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*International and
Domestic Patent Law*

April 5th at 1:00 PM

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To provide a forum that fosters creativity, freethinking and education that will help further our members' innovations.



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USPTO Expert3: (Feb 28, 2008 2:40:50 PM)

MrsLMA - Unfortunately any design application you file cannot receive benefit of the earlier filing date of a provisional application. So the earlier you file your design application, the better.

Jeff-G: (Feb 28, 2008 2:44:33 PM)

In the course of prosecuting several of my inventions, I have seen that Examiner's have a propensity to come back with an "obviousness" argument that combines one reference he finds with a second reference he finds. One could argue that it is only obvious that one might combine these 2 elements because the invention has been revealed (by the patent application), but someone would otherwise not have thought of making this combination. So my question is: what are the criteria that the Examiner is supposed to use when applying the obviousness argument when two references are combined in the argument?

USPTO Expert: (Feb 28, 2008 2:44:56 PM)

jeff g, Patent examiners follow the guidelines set forth by the USPTO in determining in what is obvious. These guidelines are available at

http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/documents/2100_2141.htm

Question:

How can I find out if a mark can be registered

USPTO Expert3: (Feb 28, 2008 2:47:07 PM)

You can search the records of the USPTO at our website at

<http://tess2.uspto.gov/bin/gate.exe?f=tess&state=suk7jb.1.1> . However, you should be aware that this database only includes marks that have been applied to be registered or are actually registered as trademarks in the USPTO. There may be entities that are using marks similar to yours that have not registered or applied to register them at the USPTO. A more extensive search of state and public records should be done as well. You can get further information concerning these matters at your nearest Patent and Trademark Depository Library. The libraries are listed at our website at <http://www.uspto.gov/go/ptdl/>.

Su2z: (Feb 28, 2008 3:01:28 PM)

If a trademark that I am interested was applied for by someone else but they abandoned their application and it is now dead can I apply for the same trademark?

USPTO Expert3: (Feb 28, 2008 3:02:15 PM)

You can apply for the trademark but you should be aware that just because an application has been abandoned in the USPTO, it does not mean that the owner of that mark is no longer using the mark. Use of a mark by another can cause problems further down the line in the form of an opposition or cancellation proceeding.

Comatson: (Feb 28, 2008 3:02:34 PM)

I am a new inventor, How do I start the patent process, should I sign with a "patent agency" and if so, how do I know that my idea is protected. Also, If I use a google search for patents, is that good enough?

USPTO Expert: (Feb 28, 2008 3:02:37 PM)

The Office strongly suggests you review information we have that all inventors should be aware of before doing business with any invention promotion firm, go to <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/iip/index.htm>. As far as moving forward get information from our Office about the patent process, consider the public library for self help books or look for a local inventors group at www.uiausa.org Also visit a PTDL for assistance with searching, <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/ido/ptdl/index.html>

USPTO Online Chat Series - December 11th

sher (Dec 11, 2007 2:16:37 PM)

where may i get a beginners kit at?

USPTO Expert (Dec 11, 2007 2:17:34 PM)

You can obtain a packet of information from our Inventors Assistant Center by calling 1-800-786-9199 or visit a Patent and Trademark Depository Library in your area,

<http://www.uspto.gov/go/ptdl/>

Akk (Dec 11, 2007 2:25:50 PM)

Is there a way in way in which Trademark can be registered to be used in other countries? or it is Country specific?

USPTO Expert2 (Dec 11, 2007 2:25:58 PM)

Trademarks must be registered on a county by country basis. However, the process is made easier by filing your application through the provisions of the Madrid Protocol.

Through that treaty, your application can be routed to other countries that are signatories to that treaty. For further information concerning this process, consult the Madrid Protocol area under Trademarks at the USPTO website - www.uspto.gov

Max (Dec 11, 2007 2:26:06 PM)

We have developed a solution that requires a software application. To file for a patent do we need to include the coding for the software?

USPTO Expert3 (Dec 11, 2007 2:26:56 PM)

No, you don't have to include the coding for the software but it may be necessary to support the written description of the invention. So it is very important that the description that you provide fully covers the invention.

AIMichael (Dec 11, 2007 2:28:25 PM)

What rights does the designation: "Patent Pending" afford the inventor in terms of protection and marketing the product?

USPTO Expert (Dec 11, 2007 2:28:30 PM)

The marking of an article as patented when it is not in fact patented is against the law and subjects the offender to a penalty. Some persons mark articles sold with the terms "Patent Applied For" or "Patent Pending." These phrases have no legal effect, but only give information that an application for patent has been filed in the USPTO. The protection afforded by a patent does not start until the actual grant of the patent. False use of these phrases or their equivalent is prohibited.

airserts (Dec 11, 2007 2:36:11 PM)

Question regarding doing a Patent search, specifically searching FOREIGN references.

Question: How can I get access to, and search, all the FOREIGN patents in a class/subclass the Examiners in the USPTO have access to?

USPTO Expert (Dec 11, 2007 2:36:14 PM)

Many Patent and Trademark Depository Libraries have access to the same foreign patent holdings as the examiners via the PubWEST databases. Contact your local PTDL for further assistance, <http://www.uspto.gov/go/ptdl/>.

Your second question is a good one. We encourage applicants to interview with the examiner in order to make a case for patentability. While we do not want models to keep in the Office we do have demonstrations of inventions provided to the examiner by applicants. We find that this exchange can help clarify matters and advance prosecution. All you need do is request an interview through your patent professional or call your examiner. ❖

Membership

The Inventors Society of South Florida (ISSF) membership application form is available online at www.inventorssociety.net/appform.pdf. Annual individual membership dues are \$60.

Members are entitled to all that is offered by the ISSF: events, meetings, contests, prizes, awards, nominations, and networking. Members also benefit from a monthly newsletter full of important information, tips, publications, Internet sites and expositions.

Membership is the primary source of funds to the ISSF, without which, it is difficult if not impossible to hold meetings, send newsletters, hold special events, and maintain an Internet presence. ❖

Newsletter Submissions

If you have something you'd like to see in the newsletter, please discuss with or send it to cever@earthlink.net. If it is something that has to be copied, please send the original or a high quality copy. If you need the original document returned, please note this in the submission package.

Please remember that the newsletter is black print only. Submissions that have color (especially over text, i.e. words in a colored box) may not be usable. Try to keep submissions simple and basic. ❖

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- Federal Register notices
- Notices related to security and/or emergencies
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Scroll to bottom of page for links to full Federal Register (official text) and Recent Patent-Related Notices (pre-OG, OG and Federal Register). OG is Official Gazette. ❖

ISSF Meetings

ISSF meets at 1:00 pm on the first Saturday of each month at:

Ligi Tool & Engineering, Inc.
3220 SW 15th St.
Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442
877-523-6693
www.ligotool.com

From the Florida Turnpike: Exit at Sample Rd, Exit 69; turn right on Sample Rd (East); left on Powerline Rd; and right on SW 15th St (past the first stoplight on Powerline Rd, look for two cement towers and the *ModComp* sign).

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From I-75: Exit at the Sawgrass Expressway (Route 869); go to the end of the expressway and continue east on SW 10th St; turn right on Powerline Rd and left on SW 15th St (look for two cement towers and the *ModComp* sign).

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News From Cathy's Desk

There was an inventor who thought he could sell neon lights that attached to a car's undercarriage. He called his venture Street Glow Inc. When he started making this toy in 1990, he had only \$1,000 to invest in it. He spent about \$350 installing two crude prototypes onto his own car and the car of a friend. And then he spent all of his spare time and his remaining \$650 selling.

He didn't lease office space; he worked from his home. He spent most of his time traveling to custom auto shops and automobile-themed events, trying to make sales. At first, people were curious but most were hesitant to buy. After talking to them, he made adjustments to his product, his pricing, and the way he presented it.

He worked fast. He took enough deposits to build the systems ordered, delivered them, and then reinvested the profits in selling more systems.

For months he earned nothing, because he was reinvesting his cash flow into sales. When he started pocketing profits near the one-year mark, he began fixing up a shop, buying some new tools, and ordering inventory.

By devoting his attention to selling first and taking care of the other secondary business concerns later, he ensured that his fledgling enterprise would not suffer the normal (and normally lethal) cash shortages most first-year businesses encounter.

By 2002 (the last year financial data was available for this privately held company), Street Glow Inc. had garnered \$23 million in revenues and had shown a consistent profit, year after year.

So inventors, evaluate your plan of action to realize your invention before you sink your resources into it. Is your idea marketable? Can it be made and sold for profit? How do you find out? Let's do some research! You want to learn the:

- Cost of raw materials
- Simplest assembly
- Life (mean time between failure) of your product (design + materials)
- Marketing strategy
- Distribution channel
- Best way for you to realize capital gain: licensing, selling the patent or starting your own business.

First, you want to become a member of an inventor group to learn about resources available and pitfalls to avoid. You will learn about the invent-to-market process and you will network with other inventors who can help you.

Second, you want to access newsletters and websites that support the invent-to-market process in positive ways. The more you learn at the front end of your adventure, the better decisions you will make about the six items listed above. Each choice you make influences other decisions, so it behooves you to learn how to navigate the invention jungle.

Third, choose professionals as process partners. Having an understanding of how things are done helps you in choosing process partners. Most inventors are not legal minds, prototypers, designers, marketers and planning specialists all-in-one.

- While some inventors write their own patents, I recommend that you attempt it *AND* work with a patent agent or patent attorney to ensure you did it to *your best advantage*.

Fourth, know when to let go of an invention (e.g., the market window has passed). Move onto other ideas and possibilities. ❖

Getting Started Writing a Business Plan

Frustrated or intimidated about writing a business plan? You're not alone. People hate to have to commit to something in writing for fear of revealing how little they really know about their 'product market'. Try this: Sit down with a friend and tape recorder. Start by giving your friend a brief, concise 'sales pitch'. Then talk through the different topics of what it is you are selling, who you plan to sell to and why there is a need for your product, how you plan to manufacture, finance and market it for a profit, and who is going to make up your team to get this all done. When you get through, put your words down on paper. Never lose sight of the fact that BUSINESS PLANS are maps of a work in progress. Expect it to change. ❖

Provisional vs. Patent Application

The inventor is very tempted to keep costs to a minimum so the \$75 fee for the Provisional Application and one year of patent pending status would appear to be the less expensive of the two choices. But is it really? Consider the cost, claims and protection differences between the two applications:

- Starting fees: \$105 (provisional) vs. \$255 (utility patent fee for small entity)
- The most significant difference between the two: a patent application requires that claims belonging to your invention are made defining the unique properties not previously known or utilized as shown by a thorough patent search. The provisional application does not require any claims.
- Intellectual property protection (IPP) ends within one year of filing the provisional unless you file a patent application anyway. If approved, a utility patent provides up to 20 years IPP from the date of filing of either the provisional, if filed first, or the patent application itself.

So, for anyone who is convinced that he or she has the next best thing to hit the market, what sounds like the more secure approach to take?

This comparison does not take into account attorney fees and additional USPTO fees that are assessed at different stages of the patent process and over the life of the patent. For more details, visit www.uspto.gov. ❖

Patents Guidance at the USPTO

Visit www.uspto.gov/web/patents/guides.htm to find the following list of guides:

- Proposed Rule Changes to Focus the Patent Process in the 21st Century
- Notices: Recent Patent-Related *pre-OG*, *OG* & *Federal Register*
- Access to Published Patent Applications
- Application Data Sheet (ADS) Guide
- Business Methods Patents
- Disclosure Document Program
- Examination Guidelines for Computer-Related Inventions
- General Information Concerning Patents
- General Information about 35 U.S.C. § 161 Plant Patents
- Guide to Filing a Utility Patent Application
- Guide to Filing a Design Patent Application
- International Guidance
- Office of Patent Publication
- Patent Business Goals (PBG) Final Rule Home Page
- American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) Home Page
- Provisional Application for Patent brochure
- Restriction Practice - TC1600 ❖

Design World

Design World a free trade magazine has put up a new website at <http://designworld.matweb.com>. The free service gives you access to information about the over 66,000 materials in their database. It also allows you to compare materials to each other. There is a Paid premium membership which allows you to export the information to FEA and CAE programs.

Amcon Tradeshow

Amcon is a free job shop trade show. Here is an opportunity to talk to manufacturers, engineering firms, etc. and get pricing or just information on your pending products. Presenters at these shows are helpful because they want your business. There are 2 shows coming up in Florida. April 1-3 in Orlando and October 2-3 in Fort Lauderdale. Visit their website at www.amconshows.com. ❖

Brainstorming

Find tips for brainstorming at www.inventors.about.com when you use a search engine to search for: *inventing brainstorming*. ❖

Remote Learning

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Proper Pricing

Don Debelak offers insight on proper pricing for your invention. In the seventh of a series of articles on deciding whether or not you should pursue your product idea, Don discusses product pricing and the cost of manufacturing. Visit www.dondebelak.net and find a wealth of information on any topic of interest including:

- Product introduction
- Low cost strategies
- Product pricing
- Market testing
- Prototypes
- Evaluating ideas ❖

VendorSeek.com

VendorSeek.com has often been compared to a matchmaking service exclusively for businesses. They connect business consumers with pre-qualified vendors based upon the dynamics of the purchaser's needs and the specific nature of the services that the seller provides. They have a network of 8,000+ registered, approved vendors and over 150 different quoting categories. Free quotes. ❖

Arbitration Provisions in Patent Licenses

By including arbitration provisions in patent licenses, parties can control and reduce the cost of resolving alleged infringements. To learn more about this, use a search engine to find *Save Millions by Arbitrating Patent Infringement*, written by **Peter S. Vogel**. ❖

Expert Testimony

The Federal Circuit also reinstated a permanent injunction against EchoStar with expert testimony as the decisive factor. To learn more about this, use a search engine to find *Expert's Testimony Decisive Factor in \$74M Patent Case*, written by **Robert J. Ambrogi**. ❖

Limited Damages

Last week, the Supreme Court upheld the ruling of a federal appeals court that substantially limited the amount of damages that the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Convolve Inc. could seek in their patent infringement lawsuit against Seagate Technology, the big disk-drive maker that has major operations in Bloomington and Shakopee. Read about it at <http://www.startribune.com/business/16136677.html>. ❖

Ingenuity Expo

Ingenuity Expo (www.ingenuityexpo.com) will be held in collaboration with MIT on May 31, 2008 on the MIT campus. This unique event will bring together a hand-picked selection of students, inventors, and businesses to showcase their innovations, inventions, and ideas to a variety of entrepreneurs, investors, support services and respected journalists. ❖

Comparison of Prior Art

JoKal (Dec 11, 2007 2:51:40 PM)

1. The applicant has filed for an invention (utility patent) that involves "tight art," i.e., between 1963 and 2004, four prior patents were issued for similar devices. However, in each prior art, there was a problem with the invention that made mass production of the invention impossible or commercially impracticable. The applicant's invention solves the problems inherent in the prior art via a unique fabrication process. Does the fact that the four prior patents could not be fabricated provide support to the applicant's claim of non-obviousness? 2. Does the PTO provide an applicant with an opportunity to demonstrate the invention to the Examiner? The applicant is confident that such a demonstration will make clear the unique nature of the invention.

USPTO Expert (Dec 11, 2007 2:52:52 PM) **EDITED ANSWER**

JoKal - The answer to your first question can be summed up by saying there are two ways of handling the comparison of prior art and they are "you can do it right or you can do it right". That may appear to be a bad answer, but the best way to present a comparison is by including a discussion of prior art in the specification particularly pointing out the problems associated with each of the prior patents. Following that should be a discussion of the improvements of the invention and how it overcomes the difficulties associated with the prior art. If you have already filed an application and did not include this information in the specification as originally filed you may need to file an affidavit under 37 CFR 1.132. Under this type affidavit you would need to provide evidence that the prior art was impossible to use in mass production and that the difference in your invention afforded a correction of the art.

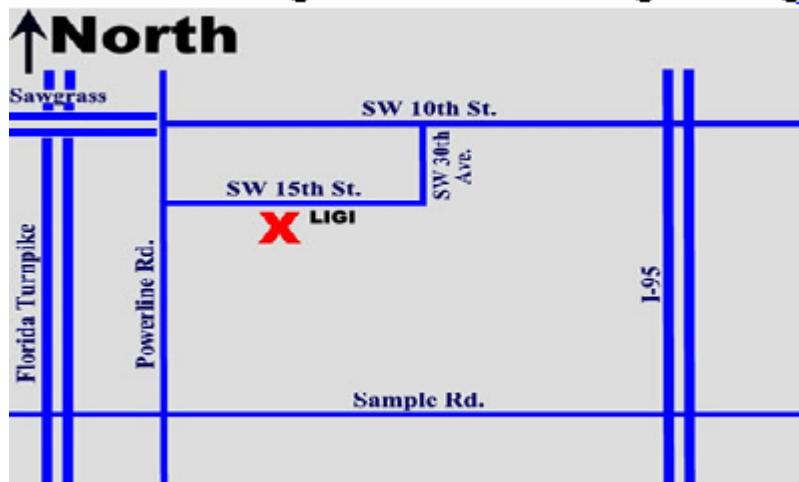
There are many ways of doing this type affidavit and we suggest that you consult a patent professional for assistance in preparing a proper document. ❖

SCORE Expert Answers

Q: What's your best source of marketing ideas?

Reading. I try to read one to two books a week, and follow a lot of business-related blogs. That's where technology is a big plus. Services such as Google Reader lets you subscribe to several blogs, and read in one place. It's a great way to get ideas, and learn about things that are new and different.

General Meeting at LIGI Tool & Engineering



First Saturday of Each Month at 1:00 p.m.

Everyday Edisons Winner Speaks Out

Joe Casale was one of the winners for the first season of *Everyday Edisons*. Successful Inventor **Stephen Key** interviews him on his *inventRight allbusiness.com* blog. At the bottom of the written interview is a very special sixteen-minute audio you can listen to.

Joe has personally invented and designed over 21 products. He speaks out about his experiences with contests, talks about his thirty-year career as an inventor/industrial designer and gives a few great success tips for up and coming inventors. Find it at www.allbusiness.com/manufacturing/miscellaneous-mfg-doll-toy-games-games/7066190-1.html or www.inventRight.com and click *blog*. ❖

BIG Helps You Make the Most of Your Ideas

Big Idea Group (BIG) brings together creative inventors with innovation-seeking companies. Their goal is to discover and refine promising innovations and present them to the best-matched licensing companies, splitting licensing fees with inventors. Visit www.bigideagroup.net/about/index.htm to learn more.

BIG's expertise is in insight discovery, innovation generation, and innovation execution:

- Insight Clubs: BIG's private, online communities of 200-400 customers provide actionable insights for innovation.
- Innovation Hunts: A proprietary network of inventors and creative problem-solvers (over 13,000 members) turn insights into new products and services.
- Marketing Hunts: An open source network of talented marketing professionals proposes solutions to our clients' creative marketing challenges.

To help inventors learn about successful inventions, BIG's website offers a list of websites to visit for glimpses and reviews of the latest gadgets: **Gizmodo.com** (gadgets), **Engadget.com** (engineering), **Gadgetreporter.com** (computers), **Weirdgizmos.com** (unusual), **Coolbuzz.org** (interesting and pushing the envelope), and **Gizwizbiz.com** (all about gizmos and gadgets).

Inventors seeking new ideas, BIG offers four forward-looking websites....

- The World Future Society (**www.wfs.org**) is a nonprofit group that studies and discusses how social and technological developments are shaping the future. Their website offers free features, including forecasts, book reviews, interviews, and web forums.
- The **coolbusinessideas.com** newsletter covers developments (new business concepts and products) in entertainment, design, technology, fashion, health & beauty, food, sports, services, and more. Sign up for a free subscription, with monthly mailings, or opt to visit the site for daily postings.
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- Visit Now and Next (**www.nowandnext.com**) for snapshots on 12 major sectors, including household goods, healthcare, retail, and more. With capsule summaries of 10 or more "coming things" in the sector, plus nice graphics (no postage stamps here), the site is a pleasure to read and view. The web report is updated bi-monthly. ❖

inventRight Forum

Post your questions, find resources & network with other inventors. inventRight Co-Founders **Stephen Key** and **Andrew Krauss** will be checking in often to see how they can help. Create your inventRight forum account and start posting your questions today! Visit www.inventRight.com and click *Forum* in the menu on the top.

Also, learn about free tele-classes at www.inventright.com/news.html. ❖

Small Business Summit

Microsoft's Small Business Summit 2008 is coming and it is free to attend, and best of all no travel arrangements are needed! It is being broadcast via a live streaming webcast March 24-27 starting at 12:00pm EDT. Get 4 days of info-packed sessions. Visit www.sbsummit.com. ❖

Inventing is Tough Sell

Business experts say that in a fiercely competitive market for new products, copycats and timing all play a part in whether a new product stays on a store's shelves or is relegated to the bargain bin. Learn more by reading *Marketing new invention can be tough sell*, written by **Robert Rodriguez**. Use a search engine to find the article by title and author. ❖

Gadget Nation, the Book

Gadget Nation takes you behind the scenes and introduces you to the men and women who have spent countless hours and money, (in some cases cashing in their 401(k)), trying to turn their gadget idea into a gadget bonanza.

Steve Greenberg, dubbed *The Innovation Insider*, travels the country seeking out clever off-beat new products. His journey through the underbelly of American invention has brought him face to face with hundreds of garage inventors. Steve has spent years exploring and observing this often bizarre slice of Americana. And while most of us might look at these products and wonder, "*Why didn't I think of that?*" Steve will tell you why these people did.

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SCORE Expert Answers

Q: What's a good starting point for a marketing strategy?

You have to identify your target market. Who do you want to work for and why, and what do you have to offer them? Talk to your best customers, and have them tell you in their own words what they value, what you're doing well, and what's missing.

Inventors Society of South Florida

Presents

Dr. Mario Sergio Golab

ON

International and Domestic Patent Law

April 5th at 1:00 PM

We're on the Web!

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Peter Zura's 271 Patent Blog 2008 Feb 28

Costs of Patent Prosecution

When people decide to patent, the inevitable question of, "How much will it cost?" comes up. While not everyone has a handy copy of each AIPLA cost survey, **Alan Kasper**, First Vice-President of the AIPLA, provided a brief glimpse into the costs involved in his testimony before U.S. Congress:

Average Cost of Preparation:

- Preparation and filing of an original application of minimal complexity (10 page specification, 10 claims) = \$8,548
- Relatively complex biotechnology/chemical cases = \$15,398
- Relatively complex mechanical cases = \$11,482
- Relatively complex electrical/computer cases = \$13,684

The average cost for filing an Amendment:

- Minimal complexity = \$2,244
- Relatively complex biotechnology/chemical case = \$4,448
- Relatively complex electrical/computer case = \$3,910
- Relatively complex mechanical case is = \$3,506

The government fees related to such filings are the same (unless the Applicant is a small entity) -- \$1,030. The cost for filing an RCE is \$810 plus a service charge (around \$350). The cost for filing of a continuation application is \$1,030 plus a service charge (around \$585). ❖

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