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What is a Patent?

A patent is an Intellectual Property right granted by the government of the United States to an inventor to exclude others from:

- Making
- Using
- Offering to sell
- Selling in the United States
- Importing into the United States the invention for a limited time in exchange for public disclosure of the invention when a patent is granted.

There Are Three Types of Patents

1. Utility Patents
2. Design Patents
3. Plant Patents



In this issue, we will focus on the two types of utility patents, they are as follows:



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Patent Pending Status

The filing date is when the application as a whole is received by the USPTO. Our firm utilizes the Electric Filing System (EFS-WEB) to submit patent applications to the USPTO. Once the patent application has been submitted, an application serial number is issued and the application has a "Patent Pending" status. The term "Patent Pending"

1. Non-Provisional

- The most common type of patent application filed at the USPTO is a utility application. A non-provisional application has a 20 year term from the filing date.

2. Provisional

- A provisional application has a 12 month pendency once the provisional application is submitted to the USPTO.
- A provisional application establishes an early effective filing date in a later filed non-provisional application. This means that a corresponding non-provisional application must be filed during the pendency of the provisional application to benefit from the earlier filing date, as the provisional application will become abandoned when the 12 month pendency period expires.

The USPTO offers inventors this lower-cost first patent filing as an alternative to the non-provisional application. This application has a lower cost because of the following:

- It is not examined on its merits
- There is no formal patent claim
- No oath/declaration
- No prior art statement
- It is temporary for 12 months

Do I Need a Provisional Application?

It is important to keep in mind that a provisional application does not necessarily mean that it is a "quicker" way to establish a filing date. Although claims are not required in a provisional application to receive a filing date, *claims should be constructed before* the specification is drafted to ensure that the scope of the claims are based on their broadest reasonable construction in light of the specification. The USPTO requires that during the claim interpretation during Examination, the claims must conform to the

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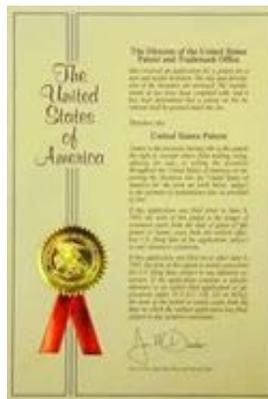
- A patent prevents others from making, using, offering to sell, selling your invention throughout the United States, or importing your invention into the United States.
- Achieve the notoriety of being an inventor of a "Patent Pending" product.
- Mark your invention with "Patent Pending" to notify the public of the pending status of your patent application.
- A patented product reinforces the public opinion that your company is reputable.
- Earns governmental validation of the novelty of your product.
- Customers will choose to buy your product over your competitors.



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invention as taught and described in the specification. Essentially, the specification serves as a glossary for claim terms. As a result, the provisional application may limit the claim construction for a following non-provisional application because of this requirement.



Because some patent proceedings may be time sensitive, I am on-call and you can **contact me 24/7** at our Tampa Office Line (727)-608-8066 or email me at

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What Patent Services are offered?

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- **Patentability searches**
- **Executing assignments**
- **Drafting patent drawings**
- **Patent prosecution**
- **Claims drafting**
- **Patent infringement analysis**
- **Prototype development**
- **Office action responses**

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