

Patent Basics

Type of Protection:

Patent protection may be available for a new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement. Patent protection is not available for abstract ideas, laws of nature (e.g., laws of gravity), and natural phenomena.

Patent protection may be available for your business methods, software, and improvements to existing technologies.

Applying for a Patent:

Once the patent application is filed with the US Patent Office, you can mark your product as “Patent Pending” or “Pat. Pend.” to discourage potential infringers.

Common Pitfalls:

- Failing to file a US patent application within one year of any public disclosure, public use, publication, sale or offer for sale of your invention.
- Failing to file a priority application for foreign filing prior to any public disclosure.
- Failing to adequately describe your invention.
- Failing to adequately claim your invention.

Services:

Trenner Law Firm can evaluate your innovations in view of the prior art to determine what aspects may be patentable. Trenner Law Firm can help you with all aspects of the patent application process, including preparing and filing patent applications in the US Patent Office, responding to examiner rejections, and appealing the examiner's decisions when necessary.

Trenner Law Firm also works with associates in foreign countries to help secure patent rights in other countries.

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