Patent Class Links by Categories

Types of Intellectual Property

Copyright
www.copyright.gov
Trade Secret
http://www.uspto.gov/ip/global/patents/ir_pat_tradesecret.jsp
IP Awareness Assessment Tool
http://www.uspto.gov/inventors/assessment/

Patent Information in General

What can be Patented?
http://www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/general-information-concerning-patents#heading-4
Novelty Requirement
http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/doc/general/novelty.htm
Patent Drawing Requirements (Filing Guide)
http://www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/patent-basics/types-patent-applications/nonprovisional-utility-patent#heading-20
Patent Process Overview
http://www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/patent-process-overview#step1
Plant Patent
General Information About U.S.C. 161 Plant Patents
http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/plant/

Patent Searching

USPTO’s How to Conduct a Preliminary U.S. Patent Search (36 min. video)
http://www.uspto.gov/products/library/ptdl/tutorials.jsp
Seven Step Searching Strategy
Google Patent Search (Find Prior Art button on a search result)
http://www.google.com/advanced_patent_search

Classification

Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC)
http://www.cooperativepatentclassification.org/index.html
CPC Explanation
Patent Application

Utility Patent
http://www.uspto.gov/patents/resources/types/utility.jsp
What You Need to Know on PAA (Provisional Patent Application)
Patent Drawing Requirements (Filing Guide)
http://www.uspto.gov/patents/resources/types/utility.jsp#heading-19
Patent Litigation Online Toolkit
http://www.uspto.gov/patents/litigation/index.jsp
USPTO Patent Application Initiatives Timeline (2nd link explains the terms)
http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/patapp-initiatives-timeline.jsp
http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/patapp-initiatives-timeline-txt.jsp
explains

Design Patent
Design Patent Application Guide
Design Patent Classification Information
http://www.uspto.gov/patents/resources/classification/handbook/seven.jsp and
Browse Design Patent Classes (scroll all the way to the bottom)
http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/classification/selectnumwithtitle.htm

Patent Application Fees

Patent Office Fees
http://www.uspto.gov/about/offices/cfo/finance/fees.jsp
Micro Entity Fees Discussion
http://www.uspto.gov/inventors/independent/eye/201302/Advice.jsp
InventorsEye
http://www.uspto.gov/inventors/independent/index.jsp
Maximum Income for Micro Entity Status
http://www.uspto.gov/custom-page/inventors-eye-advice
Small Entity Fees Information
http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#d0e30961
Poverty Guidelines
http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/14poverty.cfm
Pro Se/Pro Bono
Pro Bono Website
http://www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/using-legal-services/pro-bono/patent-pro-bono-program

Pro Se Website
http://www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/using-legal-services/pro-se-assistance-program

South Texas College of Law Houston
patent@stcl.edu (patents)
http://www.stcl.edu/lawclinics/intellectual_property_clinic.html (trademarks)

Other Resources

USPTO Resources

America Invents Act

America Invents Act (AIA) Informational Videos
http://www.uspto.gov/aia_implementation/informational_videos.jsp

First Inventor to File FAQ’s
http://www.uspto.gov/aia_implementation/faqs_first_inventor.jsp

USPTO Attorney/Agent Registry
https://oedci.uspto.gov/OEDCI/

Patent Ombudsman Program
http://www.uspto.gov/patents/ombudsman.jsp

InventorsEye
http://www.uspto.gov/inventors/independent/index.jsp

Provisional Application information: April 2010, Nov. 2010 and April 2014
Licensing information: April 2012
Micro entity fee: Feb 2013

Licensing Options
http://www.uspto.gov/inventors/independent/eye/201204/advice.jsp

Scam Prevention
http://www.uspto.gov/inventors/scam_prevention/index.jsp

Complaints
http://www.uspto.gov/inventors/scam_prevention/complaints/index.jsp

National Patent and Trademark Resource Center

National Inventor Fraud Center, Inc. (NIFC)
http://www.inventorfraud.com/
Inventor Info Chat
https://www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/inventor-info-chat

Patent Quality Chat
https://www.uspto.gov/patent/initiatives/patent-quality-chat#step1

Patent and Trademark Appeal Board (PTAB) “Boardside Chat”

Houston Resources

Patent and Trademark Resource Center
http://library.rice.edu/gov (Rice)

Houston Intellectual Property Law Association
http://www.hipla.org/

Texas Resources

Texas State Resources
http://www.uspto.gov/inventors/state_resources/texas.jsp

Registered Attorneys/Agents from Texas
https://oedci.uspto.gov/OEDCI/query.do?state=TX

Blogs

Rice University, Fondren Library Patent Blog
http://ricepatinfo.blogspot.com/

Inventive Step Blog (One example from a patent lawyer’s blog. There are many other good lawyer blog sites.)
http://inventivestep.net/2012/08/02/design-patents-4/