

Provisional Patent Course

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COURSE LECTURES

Several of the following lectures are in the form of self-study. Others modes of instruction will be through one-on-one mentoring with your instructor. Additionally, there will be opportunities at scheduled intervals to attend a Go To Meeting class where a licensed patent lawyer will instruct students in a particular area of patent law and practice. In many of the modules presented below Patent Mentor attorneys provide audio lectures and occasionally, Patent Mentor provides a video lecture.

In some instances upon opening a course module you will be asked to OPEN or SAVE. You should SAVE the file to your computer since it generally implies a form that you can reuse each time you desire to draft a patent application now and in the future. This essentially allows you to create your own How To Patent handbook.

GENERAL INFORMATION

During the course of study you will require basic information about preparing and filing a patent application. A large part of this basic information has been made available below. Please familiarize yourself with this information as needed.

To prepare to speak with your mentor watch the patent office video and be prepared to ask questions that it might raise.

Click on the following link for your first video presentation produced by the United States Patent and Trademark Office:



[United States Patent and Trademark Office Overview of Patenting](#)

When you are finished simply hit the back button on your browser and you will be returned to your lesson.

SHORT ARTICLES THAT ARE TO BE READ TO PROVIDE A GOOD GROUNDING IN THE PROCESS OF PATENTING YOUR INVENTION ARE PRESENTED AS FOLLOWS:

READ:PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION OVERVIEW

READ:ASSIGNMENTS

READ:FORMS OVERVIEW

READ:JOINT OWNERSHIP

READ:OBTAINING RECEIPTS OF MAILED DOCUMENTS

READ:PATENT MARKING

READ:PATENT RIGHTS

READ:RECORDING ASSIGNMENTS

READ:SPECIFICATION CONTENT

Prior to beginning Module 1 review the introductory audio lessons at the Introductory Course lecture.

MODULE 1

Before the next set of lessons please email your assigned mentor and arrange to have a telephone discussion about your invention.



Listen to planning of your patent project.

READ: SIMPLIFIED ARCHITECTURAL PLAN FOR THE COURSE

READ:PROTECTING YOUR IDEAS AND INVENTIONS

READ:YOUR PATENT LIBRARY

READ:DOING A PATENT SEARCH FOR NOVELTY

READ:DETERMINING IF YOU HAVE A NOVEL INVENTION



Listen to analyzing your patent for novelty.

READ:DETERMINING IF YOUR INVENTION IS DOMINATED BY ANOTHER PATENT



Listen to analyzing your invention for any license requirement.

READ:ANALYZING THE AGGREGATIONS OF PARTS, ELEMENTS FOUND IN THE SEARCH



Listen to analyzing your patent for an aggregation of elements.

READ:DETERMINING INVENTIVE COMBINATIONS OF ELEMENTS FOUND IN THE SEARCH



Listen to analyzing your patent search.

MODULE 2

Before the next set of lessons please email your assigned mentor and arrange to have a telephone discussion about your invention.

READ:BUILDING YOUR INVENTION FROM THE GROUND UP



Listen to how to build the patent from the ground up.

READ:DRAW A SIMPLIFIED PICTURE, CHART OR DIAGRAM OF THE INVENTION



Listen to how to draw the invention.

A MORE COMPLETE TABLE OF ELEMENTS FOR DRAFTING THE PATENT



Listen to the how to put the elements of the invention together.

READ: DRAFT THE BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION AND INSERT IT INTO THE TEMPLATE

Copy and then Save your template into a Word Processor file for use throughout the balance of the course

INSERT YOUR BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS INTO THE TEMPLATE

MODULE 3

Note: A provisional patent application does not need a claim, unlike the non provisional patent application, which must contain one or more claims. However, we recommend that you draft at least one claim so that your provisional patent application is drafted inconsideration of what you claim your invention to be.

READ:HOW TO BEGIN TO CLAIM YOUR INVENTION

READ:LOOK AT SAMPLES OF DIFFERENT CLAIMS

READ:LOOK AT SAMPLES OF A VARIETY OF CLAIMS

READ:LOOK AT SAMPLES OF COMPUTER AND BUSINESS METHOD CLAIMS

READ:DRAFT A CLAIM

At the end of this set of lessons please upload a draft of your claim for review by your assigned mentor.

MODULE 4

Before the next set of lessons please email your assigned mentor and arrange to have a telephone discussion about your invention.

READ:USING THE CLAIM DRAFT THE ABSTRACT IN 150 WORDS OF LESS

READ:INSERT YOUR ABSTRACT INTO THE TEMPLATE

READ:DRAFT THE SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

READ:INSERT YOUR SUMMARY INTO THE TEMPLATE

READ: ARRANGING AND DRAFTING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

At the end of this set of lessons please upload a draft for review by your assigned mentor.

MODULE 5

READ:BRINGING PARTS OF THE PATENT TOGETHER

MODULE 6

Before the next set of lessons please email your assigned mentor and arrange to have a telephone discussion about your invention.

READ:PREPARING THE APPLICATION FORMS AND MAILING

READ:PREPARING THE APPLICATION FORMS SENDING ELECTRONICALLY

At the end of this set of lessons please upload a draft for final review by your assigned mentor.

READ: FILING THE APPLICATION

FILE THE APPLICATION