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## FEE SCHEDULE -2024

### **“Estimated” Fees and Expenses Utility Patents**

Agent/Attorney Fees (generally) \$395-\$650/hour

Patentability Searches - Determine whether an invention is patentable.

- Preliminary, basic knock-out search: \$5,000-6,000+
- Patentability search & due diligence: \$7,500+ (per independent invention)
- Opinion: \$ Hourly. Exemplary estimates:
  - Validity/invalidity only opinion per patent: \$15K+
  - Infringement/non-infringement only opinion per patent: \$15K+

Prosecution fees: \$ Hourly

Patent Application Preparation Fees: There are four categories of fees/expenses for the *preparation* and *filing* of a typical patent application: (1) attorney fees; (2) filing fees; (3) paralegal/administrative fees, and (4) illustration fees. (This does not include prosecution fee/expenses after the initial filing, and it does not include patentability search or review; or right to use or non-infringement search, review, or opinion)

As to estimated number of hours or fees, as every invention is unique, that is completely dependent on the complexity of the invention for which protection is sought, the completeness of information provided by client, and number of exchanges and revisions. Cost of preparation also depends on what it is that you want to do with the patent and whether there are realistic market opportunities. In the event there are realistic market opportunities you may spend even more on something that is simple to make sure that you have covered the invention enough to have a strong resulting patent.

BELOW ARE SOME EXEMPLARY ESTIMATES:

Attorney Fees (Estimates\*) for preparation of original (not divisional, continuation, or CIP) utility patent applications:

- Provisional application with single inventive concept/focus \$5,000+
- Extremely Simple Non-Provisional (e.g., electric switch; coat hanger; paper clip; diapers; earmuffs; ice cube tray): \$7,000 to \$8,000+
- Relatively Simple Non-Provisional (e.g., board game; umbrella; retractable dog leash; belt clip for cell phone; toothbrush; flashlight): \$8,000 to \$10,000+
- Minimally Complex Non-Provisional (e.g., power hand tool; lawn mower; camera): \$10,000 to \$12,000+

All fees are subject to change without notice.

- Moderately Complex Non-Provisional (e.g., ride on lawn mower; simple RFID devices; basic solar concentrator, cell phone): \$12,000 to \$15,000+
- Relatively Complex Non-Provisional (e.g., shock absorbing prosthetic device): \$15,000 to \$17,000+
- Highly Complex Non-Provisional (e.g., MRI scanner; PCR; telecommunication networking systems; satellite technologies): \$17,000 to \$20,000+

*The above are only estimates and attorney fees for getting the application ready for filing can certainly go well above \$15,000 depending on complexity of invention and/or the need for and ability to acquire broad patent protection.*

Paralegal/Administrative/Docketing Fees (for initial preparation of application papers and filing)

Provisional Patent Application	\$375
Non-Provisional Patent Application	\$750
International Applications (entering US)	\$1500
PCT Applications	\$1500

Illustration Fees (professional patent illustrator)

Drawings (when needed)            \$90-200/page (normally average about \$400-\$600 per application)

Initial Government Filing Fees

For updated fee information or information about other patent related government fees, please see <https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/fees-and-payment/uspto-fee-schedule#Patent%20Fees>

WE REQUIRE ADVANCE RETAINER FOR FEES IN ALL PROJECTS PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT.

**Does Not Include US Prosecution or International Patent Applications**

**Filing of a patent application does not guarantee issuance of patent.**

**THIS IS ONLY A SIMPLE GUIDELINE OF ESTIMATES. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND YOU SPEAK TO A LAWYER TO LEARN WHAT IS BEST FOR YOU.**

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