



2025 Patents Startup Package
"Estimated" Fees and Expenses

Our default billing model is hourly. Where feasible, we offer project-based pricing or flat-fee arrangements for certain types of work to provide cost predictability and eliminate concerns about hourly billing.

If you anticipate more than 10 patent applications a year, please contact us at info@stlgip.com for our patent client appreciation billing plan.

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

PATENT SERVICES

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 the estimated number of hours or fees, as every invention is unique, that is entirely dependent on the complexity of the invention for which protection is sought, the completeness of the information provided by the client, and the number of exchanges and revisions.

BELOW ARE SOME EXEMPLARY ESTIMATES

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

- Provisional application with a 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+
- 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+

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

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| • Provisional Patent Application | \$375 |
| • Non-Provisional Patent Application | \$750 |
| • Routine paralegal tasks | \$190 |
| • National Phase Applications (entering US) | \$1500 |
| • PCT Applications | \$1500 |

Illustration Fees (professional patent illustrator)

- Drawings (when needed) \$55-200/page (ordinarily average about \$400-\$600 per application)

Government Filing. 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>

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

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All fees are subject to change without notice.