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## What is Patent?

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Do you know your Business Assets?

In this article, we will briefly introduce and explain about patent, one of the elements of Intellectual Property.

Intellectual Property (IP) is an intangible property. It is something you, your mind has created. It can be a design, a logo, a name, a number, a business model, a novel, a story, an article, a music composition, lyrics, research, and so on...

Broadly IP can be classified into three different categories. Trademark, Copyrights and Patent.

What is Patent?

A Patent is a license granted by an appropriate authority over an invention that is unique and capable of being sued commercially. A patent can be granted to any newly innovated product or component; to an industrial process or manufacturing design, technique or process; and to computer programming of unique business methods. It needs to be new, non-obvious and useful. Examples can include biological patent, chemical patent, software patent, business method patent, etc.

Patent can be classified into utility patent, plant patent, and design patent. Utility patent deals with processes for example manufacturing process whereas design patent deals with the visual characteristics of an object for example an ornamental design. Plant patent rights are granted to those who have invented or discovered and asexually reproduced a distinct new variety of plant.

Symbol notice for Patent:

There are no symbols for patent like trademark and copyrights. Patent is given a serial number and that is required to be displayed on your invention once approved for registration. Unlike, trademark and copyrights, procedural part for registration of patent is more complex especially utility patent.

Where to Register Patent?

Unlike Trademark, patent can be registered only federally. There is no two different registration available like state registration and federal registration. One may register their patent with United States of Trademark and Patent Office.

The life of every Intellectual Property Rights (IP), i.e. Trademarks / Copyrights / Patents, varies from Country to Country. Some rights expire in some years and some are for subject to renewal. One must take legal help to protect and enforce their rights.

If your business is global in nature then you might want to protect your IP worldwide, if so, then one needs to register their IP in different countries and comply with each country's law.

It is very important that you protect your rights. You can protect your rights by registering your rights, taking opposition action against the registration of identical or confusingly similar mark before respective registry, raising objection to register some other author's rights similar to your rights, or by taking infringement action before appropriate authorities.

Law Office of Heena N. Kampani can help to protect your business mark, creation or invention by registering or renewing with appropriate authorities, or by taking necessary action against infringement of your rights. Contact our office to bring valuable commercial viability to your business, creation or invention.

With that note, we conclude this article. However, before leaving we would like to leave you with a quote that impresses the importance of IP and IP protection in today's global world.

Recent court decisions show how patents can protect small businesses. The U.S. Supreme Court ruling forced the software giant Microsoft to pay \$290 million to i4i, a small Canadian tech company for a patent on XML editing technology that is alleged Microsoft used in its software package.

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