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HAVE YOU DEVELOPED OR ARE YOU IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY?

DO YOU WANT TO COMMERCIALIZE IT?

You have probably been told that you need patents to protect your intellectual property, and you are right. Since you are entrepreneurial by nature, and probably doing a lot of things yourself, you might be thinking about filing your own patents.

HERE ARE THREE REASONS WHY THAT WOULD BE A BIG MISTAKE...

2 - TOO MUCH DETAIL --

The best patent applications have claims that are broad, clear, concise and will frustrate your competitors who will try to appropriate your invention once they find out about it (including through your filing of the patent application). Inventors by nature tend to focus on the implementation details, so that their attempts at drafting claims are inevitably exactly the opposite.

say soul-sucking!). We think you should spend your valuable time on developing your technology and advancing your business, not wading through a bunch of rules and filings.

1 - COST -----

The challenge with patents is the cost. More particularly, the problem is that most of the cost is front-loaded, which is just what a small technology business does not want to hear. With some larger patent agencies and law firms, you may find it difficult to negotiate suitable rates, to have a bill reviewed or revised, or even to get your inquiries answered, especially if you do not have a large portfolio of patents.

3 - TIME ZAPPER -----

The preparation and prosecution of a patent application is often very time-consuming (some inventors would

BE SURE TO CAREFULLY SELECT YOUR PATENT PROFESSIONAL

THERE ARE MANY AVENUES TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE FROM A PATENT PROFESSIONAL.
MAKE SURE YOU SELECT WISELY.

PATENT AGENT -----

You should look for an indication that the person is a patent agent.

This is a specific term that certifies, in the case of Canada, that the person has passed a series of four 4-hour written exams and has demonstrated a knowledge of the applicable law, as well as an ability to draft and prosecute patent applications including broad, clear, concise and functional claims.

PATENT AGENCY -----

A law firm can advertise that it is a patent agency (or has patent and agents) as long as one lawyer in the firm has passed the qualifying exams. There is no guarantee that this is the person who will prepare the patent application. In some cases, this person will only review the application prepared by someone who has not yet passed the exams.

NEED PATENTS FOR THE US? -----

If you are interested in filing for a US patent application, you might consider a US patent attorney. We can draft your patent application and help you find good and cost-effective US patent attorneys to handle the details or to provide you with US legal advice.

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DSL Patents focuses on the preparation and prosecution of patent applications. We have extensive experience in patent preparation and prosecution in large national law firms, IP boutiques and in-house with multinational technology companies.

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