



# PATENT SERVICES MENU

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PUBLISHED HOURLY RATES				
PERSONAL	RATE			COMMENTS
Matthew Leaper, Registered Patent Attorney	USD	\$ 400	per hour	Market rate for my experience level.
Associates of Matthew Leaper	USD	\$ 150	per hour	I currently have two law student associates working as patent law clerks to help me with patentability and patent drafting.

PRIOR ART SEARCHING AND PATENTABILITY ASSESSMENTS					
TYPE	EST. TIME (HRS)		EST. FEES		COMMENTS
	MIN.	MAX.	MIN.	MAX.	
Basic search focused on US patents and publications.	4	8	\$ 1,600	\$ 3,200	I will identify and review as many prior art references as possible for each type of search. If preferred, you can do the search and provide me with a list of prior references to work from. We can also hire a third party search consultant if needed. Either way, I will not do any additional searching unless instructed to do so.
Limited search, includes foreign patents and publications.	8	12	\$ 3,200	\$ 4,800	
Exhaustive search, all patents and publications, any language.	12	20	\$ 4,800	\$ 8,000	
Informal patentability opinion with one (1) draft claim.	1	2	\$ -	\$ -	Included with every search.
Formal patentability opinion with twenty (20) draft claims.	12	16	\$ 4,800	\$ 6,400	Not required, but occasionally requested.

PATENT DRAFTING SERVICES FOR UTILITY PATENTS						
TYPE	FOR EXAMPLE:	EST. TIME (HRS)		EST. FEES		COMMENTS
		MIN.	MAX.	MIN.	MAX.	
Extremely Simple	A coat hanger, paper clip, diaper, or ice cube tray.	20	30	\$ 8,000	\$ 12,000	We will evaluate complexity together to arrive at a guaranteed maximum price.
Relatively Simple	A board game, umbrella, or phone case.	30	40	\$ 12,000	\$ 16,000	
Minimally Complex	A power hand tool, lawn mower, or camera.	40	50	\$ 16,000	\$ 20,000	Please note that these are fixed fee estimates, meaning I will assume the risk of your subject matter being more time-consuming than anticipated.
Moderately Complex	An electric vehicle, RFID device, solar concentrator, or phone.	50	60	\$ 20,000	\$ 24,000	
Relatively Complex	A prosthetic limb, a sensor system, or an orbital satellite.	60	70	\$ 24,000	\$ 28,000	For simple cases, I will likely request a retainer equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the estimated fee.
Highly Complex	An interconnected system of data communication devices.	70	80	\$ 28,000	\$ 32,000	
Software Related	A blockchain, data encryption, or machine learning technology.	80	100	\$ 32,000	\$ 40,000	For complex cases, I will request a retainer equal to least fifty percent (50%) of the estimated fee.  Any outstanding amounts must be paid in full before I will release the draft or file the application.

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## PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS

Notebook Provisional	You provide a description and drawings; I add some claims.	4	8	\$ 1,600	\$ 3,200	This basic service level is only recommended for use when needed to manage public disclosure risks.
All Other Types	Same as above.					Savings may be realized by describing and claiming only one embodiment and/or using informal drawings.