I am an inventor who is retired from the Real Estate Industry. I was granted two patents. Both patents are real estate related business methods. One patent took almost 14 years to receive and the other almost twenty years. Our current system does not support individuals like me in the large multi-national corporate economy. To defend patent rights and benefit from intellectual property, average people cannot seek a remedy against these large corporations without seeking funding from a third party. At the same time that there is an imperative need for capital to litigate or enforce, litigation funding of late has become somewhat demonized by certain courts. It appears that large corporations are provided every possible leg up to thwart competition from small inventors. This is antithetical to what was intended for our US Patent System. The rules have been tinkered with obsessively.

It’s regrettable that there needs to be a discussion on this topic at all, but here we are. Any consideration of the size of any prospective monetary claim should be disallowed. If there must be a special court that enables a small entity to defend its patent rights, it needs the undiluted process of an Article III Court but must be faster and less expensive and less hampered by large corporate interests. Unlike the continuity of life for corporations, the clock keeps ticking in the life the individual inventor.