

Subject: Small Claims Patent Court Comments

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To whom it may concern,

My original invention, conceived in 1976, has sold over 40 million units over the past 45 years. Luckily I didn't have to rely much on the patent system to do well financially, and I've never had a utility patent in my name. I was three-term past president of the Ohio Inventor's Assn., author of *The Inventor's Bible: How to Market and License Your Brilliant Ideas*, Penguin Random House, created and co-presented 54 unique CLE classes through Thomson Reuters relating to IP/Communications, and Ethics, and presented workshops at the USDOE National Innovation Workshops, and at USPTO annual conference. Yes, I'm not a patent holder nor an attorney.

I have dedicated my adult life to help independent inventors to license their inventions to appropriate manufacturing companies. My companies, Docie Marketing & Docie Development, LLC have as deep an experience working with independent inventors to gain licensing deals as any individual legitimate company you may find.

I'm honest with my clients relating to patents. I tell them to use an attorney to, "File soon, and file often!". I also normally tell them to not plan on using their patent as an offensive tool, unless the market for their invention has an existing 7-8 figure annual royalty income at stake. Patents work as a carrot, not as a stick, in nearly all instances with independent inventors.

I would assert, (as a lay person and not giving legal advice) that any person or any entity (USPTO included) who suggests otherwise, or USES THE WORDS PATENT AND PROTECTION IN THE SAME SENTENCE, is potentially engaging in activity squarely defined in Federal and state Deceptive Practices Acts.

Of the thousands of inventors with whom I've had the privilege of engaging, nearly ALL start out in conversation believing that with a patent, they have "protection". Of course, they don't know what that protection is, but they think they have it.

How many of you reading this truly believe that to be true, that an independent inventor of modest means, say under the threshold of being a millionaire, has any chance of coming ahead financially if they tried to assert their patent rights? When's the last time you've invested in a mutual fund that bets in that direction?? IT SIMPLY ISN'T TRUE, AND WE ALL KNOW IT!

ISN'T IT TIME FOR SOME REAL HONESTY AND INTEGRITY HERE??? I don't trust, hope or believe that in my lifetime there will be a resolution to this quagmire concerning independent inventors. Therefore, I simply keep pointing inventors to the manufacturing companies in their industry who have strength through their marketshare to defend the MARKET POSITION, cause they ain't going to do it by defending the patent position. Any smart small entity licensee knows this, especially if they've gone through the litigation process once.

Here's my request: STOP THE CHARADE!!! STOP PUTTING IT OUT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF INDEPENDENT INVENTORS THAT THEY WILL GET "PATENT PROTECTION" FROM GETTING A PATENT AT THE PATENT OFFICE! START BEING HONEST, AND ADOPT SOME INTEGRITY!!! Independent inventors probably lose more money from this 'scam' than they do with rip-off marketing companies, and that's an estimated one to two billion dollar annual business. Is the USPTO colluding?

If you ever get this Small Claims/Entity thing figured out and get it working successfully, THEN YOU CAN BOAST ABOUT HOW IT WORKS TO "PROTECT" INVENTORS. Until then PLEASE don't put the cart before the horse, ESPECIALLY WHEN PEOPLE'S HEARTS, THEIR LIVES, THEIR DREAMS, AND THEIR RETIREMENT FUNDS ARE AT STAKE! Thank you!

Sincerely,

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