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## CLIENT ADVISORY

### Recent Changes in Rules and Procedures

**September 19, 2011**

### U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

### Revision of Patent Fees

### Effective September 26, 2011

Dear Clients:

As indicated previously in our client advisories dated September 9, 2011 and September 16, 2011, most patent fees, including those associated with the filing, issuance, and maintenance of patents/patent applications have been increased by 15% by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and will be effective September 26, 2011. Among the most notable increased fees are the following:

	OLD GOVERNMENT FEES		NEW GOVERNMENT FEES	
	Small Entity	Large entity	Small entity	Large Entity
<b>PATENTS</b>				
Filing utility patent applications	165.00	330.00	190.00	380.00
Utility Search Fee	270.00	540.00	310.00	620.00
Utility Examination Fee	110.00	220.00	125.00	250.00
Filing US National Phase applications	165.00	330.00	190.00	380.00
National Phase Search Fee	270.00	540.00	310.00	620.00
Utility Examination Fee	110.00	220.00	125.00	250.00
1-month extension of time	65.00	130.00	75.00	150.00
2-month extension of time	245.00	490.00	280.00	560.00
3-month extension of time	555.00	1,110.00	635.00	1,270.00
4-month extension of time	865.00	1,730.00	990.00	1,980.00
5-month extension of time	1175.00	2,350.00	1,345.00	2,690.00
Paying Issue Fee for utility application	755.00	1,510.00	870.00	1,740.00
Paying Issue Fee for design application	430.00	860.00	495.00	990.00
Filing Notice of Appeal	270.00	540.00	310.00	620.00
Filing Request for Oral Hearing	540.00	1,080.00	620.00	1,240.00
Filing Appeal Brief	270.00	540.00	310.00	620.00
Filing Petition to Chief Patent Judge			400.00	400.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Maintenance Fee (3.5 years)	490.00	980.00	565.00	1,130.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Maintenance Fee (7.5 years)	1,240.00	2,480.00	1,425.00	2,850.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Maintenance Fee (11.5 years)	2,055.00	4,110.00	2,365.00	4,730.00
Filing Request for Prioritized Application			2,400.00	4,800.00

The complete official USPTO fee schedule can be viewed on their website at

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/qs/ope/fee092611.htm>

Should you wish to pay any upcoming fees (except for maintenance fees, which we do not normally handle for our clients), such as issue fees, or file any new applications, continuation applications or Requests for Continued Examination (RCE), before the new government fees go into effect, please give us your instructions as soon as possible. **Please note that we will not pay any fees or file any applications early unless we receive specific instructions from you to do so.**

We will send you a copy of our revised schedule of charges, incorporating all of the changes, in the near future.

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Best regards,

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