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AMERICA INVENTS ACT FINAL RULE

Inventor's Declaration and Powers of Attorney

Dear Clients:

The U.S. PTO released new forms for filing on September 16, 2012 for applications filed on or after that date. These new declarations and other documents that will need to be filed in the U.S. PTO for any application filed on or after September 16, 2012 (except for any application which is filed as a National Phase application of an International application that was filed prior to September 16, 2012). We again note that after consulting with the U.S. PTO, we have decided that in view of the PTO's increasingly strict interpretations of non-PTO forms that it is now preferable to use the forms prepared by the U.S. PTO whenever possible.

Furthermore, as we also noted earlier, unless instructed to the contrary, we will designate the assignee as the "Applicant" in applicable filings after September 16, 2012. Additionally, please note that the power of attorney can be given to us either by filing a specific power of attorney for each application, or (preferably, particularly for clients that file many applications) by providing us with an executed general power of attorney that we can file in each application for the same Applicant filed after September 16, 2012.

In this regard, if you prepare and forward a general power of attorney to us, you will only have to execute the general power one time, and then we can file a copy of that general power in all of your applications that we handle.

Furthermore, the U.S. PTO has translated some of the forms they have prepared, and they are available on the U.S. PTO link. Once they have prepared other forms with translations, we will forward the same to you.

Please view and download the noted new forms at:

http://www.gbpatent.com/inventors_declaration

Please note that the U.S. PTO pdf forms are manually fillable. These forms are also available in auto-fillable format in our Portal at **<http://www.gbpatent.net>**.

Should you have any questions regarding the forms themselves or regarding submission of the forms to the U.S. PTO, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

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