

South Carolina Inventors Forum SCIF



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Welcome to the SCIF.

Creating a positive community impact

Many citizens of our fine community as with across the country are facing new and previously unforeseen hardships because of the actions taken to thwart the covid virus. The South Carolina Inventors Forum, a 501c3, has been formed to assist innovators and inventors and all creative folks with protecting, developing and commercializing their intellectual property through motivation, education, mentoring, and a network of local service providers and national networking opportunities.

We are meeting on Zoom every month on the Second Thursday, 7pm until Jul 8, 2021, (10 more occurrences)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZwvcuirrT8jHNIgifAWXNtHErBP9lwZYeO8/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGgrD4rGdeRuR-BRpw-AI_4d-nztilEgo10mxbjIhdrTBfeE_BgAutzB-Lp

See you on Zoom!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88251334966?pwd=SWVTTmhHNNHZKUXISTW9SRke1UDB3QT09>

Please SHARE AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

Have an inventive day!

Adrian Pelkus

Chairman

SCIF

"All creative people want to do the unexpected."— Hedy Lamar

We believe South Carolina's capital city is the perfect place to build a business, grow a career or nurture a new skill.

Columbia is home to a thriving cultural scene, a diverse network of neighborhoods, walkable districts, historic charm, a lush riverfront and abundant outdoor recreational opportunities. Our strong public sector provides economic stability, while our entrepreneurial spirit means continuous innovation in sectors ranging from tech to life sciences to advanced manufacturing. And of course, we're home to the University of South Carolina – one of the top 100 patenting universities in the world. Learn more about what makes this community awesome from our partners:

Dear friends, fellow inventors, creators and South Carolina entrepreneurs. Congratulations on being named:

"One of the 50 Best U.S. Cities for Starting a Business in 2020."
INC. MAGAZINE'S SURGE CITIES

Support through every stage

Columbia is home to a robust ecosystem of support for businesses of all types. Select your stage to find the resource provider best equipped to help you <https://www.innovatecolumbiasc.com/>

From the first inklings of an idea to mature companies looking to expand, there are dozens of programs, places and people here ready to help entrepreneurial businesses take the next step in their journey.

Innovate Columbia began with a vision to provide a one-stop shop for entrepreneurs in the Columbia, SC region to connect with all the local resources available to help them reach their goals.

<https://www.innovatecolumbiasc.com/about/>

"A person that never made a mistake never tried anything new" - Albert Einstein

**Topic of the month is “Patents” - How to best protect your idea.
Our guest presenter is Doug Lineberry, Attorney at Burr Forman McNair**

Doug focuses his practice on litigating intellectual property issues, drafting and prosecuting patents in the pharmaceutical, chemical, mechanical and gaming fields, rendering opinions and validity analyses and obtaining and defending trademark registrations. Additionally, he assists clients with marketing and branding issues. Doug has a strong understanding of technologies such as large and small molecule, medical devices, polymers, nonwovens, transport systems, gaming devices, container and slide-locking systems.

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“Before anything else, preparation is the key to success – Alexander Graham Bell

SCIF October Speaker

Following up on the recent announcement by the USPTO, our speaker of the month is **Warren Tuttle**, President of the UIA and member of the newly formed **National Council for Expanding American Innovation (NCEAI)**



National Council for Expanding American Innovation

You can read more about the NCEIA here:

<https://www.uspto.gov/initiatives/expanding-innovation/national-council-expanding-american-innovation>

Besides President of the UIA <https://uiausa.org/> **Warren Tuttle** focuses on external product development for several companies including Lifetime Brands of Garden City, New York (the world's largest manufacturer of kitchen utensils and a major supplier of food prep and table top products to America's major retailers), and Merchant Media a market leader in Direct Response Television. Warren has initiated over 50 new product licensing agreements with Lifetime Brands.

Thanks to Dr. Thaddeus Jones our videographer for the great work getting our videos on our SCIF YouTube page!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN8kK5cOuL0wTqKjPI8TwKA>



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"To invent, you need a good imagination and a pile of junk." - Thomas Edison.

SCIF 2020 2021 Schedule

Aug. 13 "Harnessing Creativity"

– *Avoid these 17 Mistakes Inventors make*

Sept. 10 "New Product Development"

– *Going from idea to presentation ready*

Oct. 8 "Patents and IP" - How to best protect your idea

Nov. 12 "Focus groups"

– *Be sure you have a consumer desired idea*

Dec. 10 "3d manufacturing"

– *Additive printing mockups to production items*

Jan. 14 "Manufacturing"

– *How things are produced and what is required*

Feb. 11 "Marketing"

– *How to commercialize your product/service idea*

Mar. 11 "Video for Inventors and Startups"

– *How to show off your idea*

Apr. 8 "Helping Inventors" – National networks and trade shows

May 13 "Preparing presentations"

– *Making the right first impression*

June 10 "Networking and Funding"

– *It's all about who you know and how to approach*

July 8 "Invention Contest"

– *Let's see your great new product*

SCIF involves you!

Thinking of any new products or services that may help in some way, shape or form make life easier? We share new ideas and motivating concepts almost daily on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/448388996120060/>

Help for inventors and innovators, creators all!

Tell your creative friends and invite them to join our group!

We discuss the most important things needed to bring ideas to life and create wealth.

Join our group and come to our meetings to learn about inventing, innovating and the process of bringing new products to market. Meet with others and find friends, mentors and advisors.

Prepare your questions about inventing and ask local experts at Thursdays Zoom meeting.

Prepare for launching your venture.

Mark your calendar for South Carolina Inventors Forum monthly meetings!

Monthly meeting format allows interactions and Q & A:

- Network
- Welcome & Thanks
- Who is new? What's your passion?
- Subject of the Month Presenter / Speaker
- Stories and new products shared by inventors
- Resources and New Opportunities
- Q&A
- Who Needs Who?
- Thanks & network
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See you 6;30pm for online networking next on Thursday October 8th.

Meeting begins 7pm

"SCIF - The Place to Be

SCIF monthly meetings are the ideal place to get help on all aspects of inventing as well as make new contacts. Unlike other inventors' organizations, we have no costly annual dues or membership requirements. All you need is a desire to learn about the world of inventing and to network with like-minded people. Whether you're an inventor, innovator or a service provider, SCIF is the place to be the second Thursday of each month!" Judy B.

Individual inventors, inventors' groups and clubs across America uniting to fight for their patent rights.

SOME GOOD NEWS!

We succeeded! The last couple of weeks, we hit the Senate with hundreds of calls and letters opposing the extension of the CBM portion of the PTAB (Patent Trial and Appeal Board). As a result, the harmful CBM extension was removed from the budget bill! In 2011, Congress created 3 programs to invalidate patents at the PTAB - CBM, PGR, and IPR. Now only 2 remain. We are working hard to protect inventors from these unfair attacks on their livelihood.

There are much bigger battles ahead in our movement to restore the rights of inventors and put the USA back on top as the global leader in innovation.

We urge you to watch Invalidated on Amazon Prime. <https://watchinvalidated.com>

US INVENTOR

Innovators, Inventors, Dreamers, and Builders

<https://usinventor.org/>

Three bills have been introduced to help independent inventors:

[The Stronger patent bill](#)

[Inventors Rights Act](#)

Legislation – Inventor Rights Act, HR 5478

We continue to get inventors and interested individuals to sign our Inventor Rights Resolution ([go here](#)) and tell their US Representatives and Senators to support the Inventor Rights Act. If you haven't done these yet, please do. It matters. And please get this information out far and wide - the more people who care about this, the more influence we will have.

A third bill was just introduced!!

"A third positive bill is H.R. 7366, the Restoring America's Leadership in Innovation Act. RALIA takes the biggest cut at the patent-weakening pitch sitting in the middle of the plate.

Like STRONGER Patents and the Inventor Rights Act, RALIA would redress the anti-patent categorical rule arising from the [Supreme Court](#). It also would undo a lot of the damage the America Invents Act and other court decisions have inflicted.

For example, H.R. 7366 would repeal PTAB and its quasi-judicial proceedings, and return patent validity challenges to federal court.

It would restore the breadth of meaning of section 101 for patent-eligible subject matter.

RALIA would repeal several of the America Invents Act's radical changes that have disrupted how inventors attract investors and strengthen their patent applications.

It would restore confidentiality to disclosures to the Patent & Trademark Office during patent examination and end premature publication, which enables foreign IP thieves to steal our inventions before a patent is granted.

It would strengthen the presumption that an issued patent is valid.

Importantly, H.R. 7366 would repeal the [Supreme Court](#)'s erroneous decision in *Oil States v. Greene's Energy*. The legislation restores the fact that a patent secures "a private property right secured to an inventor." This wrongly decided case dumbed down patent rights to nothing more than a government-given franchise. That would be jarring news to Thomas Edison or the Wright Brothers.

If Congress were serious about promoting American innovation and correcting the mess it and the courts have made of our patent system, lawmakers would get busy enacting these legislative prescriptions right away"

***Save the American Inventor
Support American Inventors!***

https://m.washingtontimes.com/news/2020/jul/26/restoring-the-gold-standard-of-american-innovation/?fbclid=IwAR2cJcQDb8bAR6ca-WuvwalqxHQ_Ju6x2GkIS9P176hwIpAWzIFyMWD_lhq

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SCIF welcomes stories about and by local inventors! We are calling for volunteers to help gather and write stories or folks to send theirs. Contact Adrian if you're interested.

Send us yours or Become an "Inventor of the Month"!

Time onstage (10 minutes) to pitch your product and get feedback.

Help motivate other inventors, come tell your story!

[Contact Adrian if you're interested.](#)

We thank you for your support!

Some other great inventor clubs to check out

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