

Association Counsel Law Firm

U.S. Patent Prosecution Services



Choosing the right law firm is essential for your U.S. patent strategy. A design patent is critical to protecting your invention's unique look. Our firm combines deep expertise in design patent law with a personalized approach tailored to inventors. We streamline the process, ensuring your design is accurately captured and strategically protected. With a proven track record of successful filings and responsive client service, we help inventors safeguard their innovations and gain a competitive edge in the marketplace.

Securing a U.S. design patent requires precision, strategy, and experience—exactly what our firm delivers. We specialize in helping inventors protect the visual appeal of their products with carefully crafted, high-quality filings. From concept to grant, we guide you through every step, offering clear communication and responsive support. Our deep understanding of design patent law and commitment to client success make us the trusted choice for inventors looking to safeguard their ideas and stand out in the market.

U.S. Design Patents are a highly cost-effective form of legal protection.

- 15 Year Term of Protection, upon grant.
- No periodic Maintenance Fees to be paid to the government at intervals.
- Relatively fast U.S. Patent Office pendency (12 – 14 months, at present).
- Allows for the protection of a product's design or even its partial protection (e.g., just the outer surface, an upper chassis, an exterior portion of a product such as a glove or footwear, or a two-dimensional computer graphic user interface (GUI) screen).

Available Remedies: Injunctions, Monetary Damages.

- Allow for statutory damages, under the US Patent Act (\$250 per violation). (35 U.S.C. § 289).
- Border/ Customs Remedies, U.S. International Trade Commission Exclusion Orders ('337).
- Using expedited knock-off removal procedures on e-commerce platform.
- Note that in some contexts, a product may require both Design and Utility patent protection.
- Association Counsel offers fixed, flat fee filing arrangements.

Utility Patent

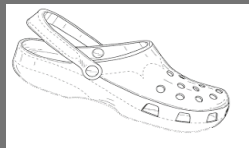
Protects how an invention works, functions or is made for 20 years from filing date.

- Process,
- Machine,
- Article of Manufacture,
- Composition of Matter.

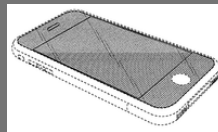
Design Patent

Protects the way a product or article looks, the ornamental expression for 15 years from the date of grant.

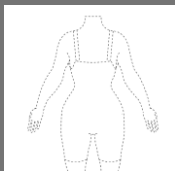
U.S. Design Patent Protection may be directed at a wide array of physical goods, GUIs, and more, ranging from automobile components, consumer products, computers, footwear, jewelry, sports equipment, toys, and beyond.



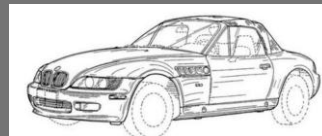
Crocs, U.S. Design Patent No. D517,789



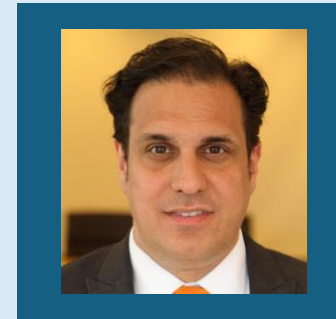
Apple iPhone, US Design Patent No. D618,677



Spanx, U.S. Design Patent No. D760,471



BMW, U.S. Design Patent No. D371,328



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Chris Katopis is an experienced U.S. patent attorney. His experience includes service at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; judicial law clerk for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; and, private law practice. He formerly served as the LESI Executive Director. Additionally, he is the recipient of numerous U.S. design patents himself.

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