

Search Services

IPISC's Search Services can provide a comprehensive analysis of products with respect to specific patents against the current patent landscape. These Search Services will reveal and return any competing intellectual property (IP) that may pose a potential problem from an insurability perspective. It is important to be aware that this Service is not a legal search or opinion determining infringement or validity; instead, IPISC will ascertain and report any relevant IP of others.

Overview

- conducted by a specifically-trained IP insurance underwriter
- similar to a search conducted by an IP attorney preparing a freedom to operate opinion (FTO)
- provides information to enable a better understanding of potential problems with respect to the searched products
- provides a detailed analysis of patents and/or patent applications posing the greatest risk

The Search

- Products are searched against unexpired patents and patent applications (utility and design) at the USPTO
- Products are also compared against patent claims and relevant language

Getting Started

- An executed Statement of Work, supplied by IPISC, is required to initiate the Search Services
- Submit to IPISC the product(s) to be searched, which may consist of, but are not limited to:
 - Photographs
 - Samples/Specimens
 - SKU numbers
 - Catalogs
- Search Services are priced* accordingly, and the cost is dependent upon the number of products to be searched and the frequency of the required searches

The Work Product

Search Summary typically provides:

- Either a list of patents and/or patent applications found and regarded as relevant and/or associated to the products that are requested to be searched, and/or
- A list of product(s) that would currently be uninsurable and therefore designated as cleared or not cleared, and/or
- A list of products(s) where there may be potential problem patents, but insurance coverage may be offered upon further review and due diligence, if desired.

Our expert consultants at IPISC can help with IP risk assessment and offer unique and innovative solutions.

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