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New US Patent Laws

What the new laws say:	What you do:
<p>The Leahy-Smith Patent Act tends <i>NOT</i> to be favorable to small businesses, engineers, and independent inventors. However, it does provide some excellent opportunities. Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. First to File: The US will no longer be a first to invent country, it will be first to file. What this means is the first person who files a patent application on inventive subject matter will own the patent.2. Verification: The inventor who files the first patent application <u>must be able to prove</u> he/she is the inventor. In other words, proper written documentation and record keeping is necessary to prove derivative rights.3. Provisional patent applications stay in effect.4. The first to file provision begins on March 16, 2013.5. A new Micro entity status for small businesses and independent inventors provides a 75% price reduction.6. IMPORTANT 1-year rule saved: Disclosures made less than 1 year prior are not considered prior art in a filed patent application providing the disclosures were made by the inventor (not a third party).7. Fee increase. Provisional patent applications cost \$125 to file. <p>Current US Patent Office fee schedule.</p>	<p>Inventors may turn the new laws into advantages by applying these strategies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Change your mindset. Know basic patent laws.2. Write your own provisional patent applications. Then have your attorney review them or file them yourself. Learn more.3. Use Patent Writer to write strong applications quickly.4. File provisional applications soon after discovery.5. File additional applications when new discoveries are made. Learn more.6. Keep good records. Written records are still a legal requirement to prove ownership. Use your Scientific Journal. This is an absolute must if you;7. File up to 1 year after your 1st disclosure. The 1-year rule allows you to file a provisional patent application up to one year after the first public disclosure. Learn more. <p>Do not use a patent mill to rush file a patent application. They are poorly written and are <i>NOT</i> taken seriously by prospective partners.</p> <p>More news and info:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patent #8,000,000 issued!• News release from the US Patent Office.• Smith Leahy Act