Life of a Patent

Early Idea Conception

Actual Reduction to Practice (RTP)

(Often but Not Always)

Drafting & Filing

(= Constructive Reduction to Practice) with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO)

Patent Attorney/Agent

Provisional **Full Patent** Patent — Application

Application 1 year (Constructive RTP)

Examination at USPTO

Atter 18 Months

Publication

Abandonment of application

First Office Action: **Non-Final Rejection New Application** # Assigned

> **Response to Office** Action

> > **Final Rejection**

Restriction

Traversal Amendment

Allowance

Request for

Continued

Examination

(RCE)

Appeal

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Patent Trial & Appeal Board (PTAB)

Used to be Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences (BPAI)

IPR, PGR, Derivation Proceedings, Appeals

District Court

for the Eastern District

of Virginia

Court of Appeals for the Federal

Circuit (CAFC)

U.S. Supreme Court

Petition

for Certiorari

Post Grant Proceedings

Correction

Examiner

Non-payment

Reissue

Ex-Parte Reexamination

Inter-Partes Review (IPR)

Post Grant Review (PGR) Issuance

4th Year **Maintenance Fees**

8th Year **Maintenance Fees**

12th Year **Maintenance Fees**

Full Term

Expiration







Infringement Actions, Declaratory Judgment Actions

International Trade Commission

(ITC)

Rocket Docket

Any U.S. District Court and Court of Federal Claims

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