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- 1. A detailed listing of all relevant prior art U.S. Patent Documents found in the course of the search.
- 2. My opinion stating whether patent protection appears to be available for your invention.
- 3. If favorable, a description of the embodiment(s) of the invention believed patentable.
- 4. Specific advice about which type(s) of patent your invention would be eligible for, and what strategy would best protect your invention.
- 5. If unfavorable, a description of the specific prior art or legal reason which prevents patenting.

What You Need To Get Started

To perform your search, I will need the following from you:

- 1. A sketch and description of your invention so that I can understand how it works. *A hand-drawn sketch is normally sufficient*, but more information allows a more comprehensive search.
- 2. A completed Invention Record Form for your invention (pages 3 and 4 to be submitted).
- 3. My fee of \$299.00 US dollars for performing your search (Payment options on page 6).

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Conditions for patentability; non-obvious subject matter.

A patent for a claimed invention may not be obtained, notwithstanding that the claimed invention is not identically disclosed as set forth in section 102, if the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention as a whole would have been obvious before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the claimed invention pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made

With reference to the above Laws, when conducting a preliminary patentability search on your behalf through the US Patent Office records every effort is made to select those patent publications which are believed to be most relevant to your invention as disclosed, but it is to be distinctly understood that our search may not be definitive and that on some occasions the opinion of the patent office examiner may differ from ours. I also understand that should undersigned furnish a model that you have my full permission to ship it and/or show it to others in your employ so that you may prepare a comprehensive application.

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