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To Whom It May Concern:

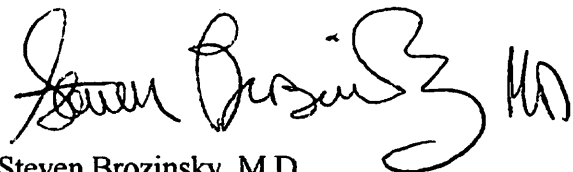
RE: Richard L. Miller  
Registered Patent Agent

In 1991 I had an idea for a product that I hoped to get patented. I dealt with one of the largest patent and copyright firms in San Diego and spent several thousand dollars attempting to get my idea patented. After a second rejection by the examiner, the attorney for this large San Diego firm suggested that my idea was "dead in the water" and that I not pursue it any further. I dropped the idea for several years, but it kept coming back to haunt me. I then secured the services of Mr. Richard L. Miller, via a tiny ad that he had placed in Entrepreneur Magazine. I contacted Mr. Miller by phone and to this date have never met him in person. He agreed to look at my idea and all of the previous paperwork, and he voiced the opinion that he thought we could indeed secure a patent.

Mr. Miller prepared an incredibly vigorous response to the examiner's initial rejection of my idea, to the extent that a patent was promptly granted in December of 1999. I've found Mr. Miller to be available, approachable, and obviously quite able, that he was successful in pursuing my patent application and eventually getting the patent granted. His individual efforts on my behalf were much more successful and fruitful than the efforts expanded by the original group of attorneys I had approached nearly a decade earlier.

I trust this information has been useful to your.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Brozinsky M.D." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steven Brozinsky, M.D.

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