

Fuller IP Law: Patent Prosecution Fixed-Fee Schedule

• *Professional fees* • *Effective 2026-01-05*

This schedule is intended to provide predictable, fixed professional fees for common U.S. patent prosecution tasks (and select foreign formalities). Unless otherwise agreed, services not listed here (e.g., appeal briefs, claim charts, opinions, litigation, etc.) are quoted separately or billed hourly.

How fixed fees work (scope + add-ons). Our fixed professional fees cover the standard work described in the “Notes / scope” column. Patent filings and USPTO requirements can vary based on claim counts, application length, client-provided materials, and timing. If additional work or add-ons are needed, we will notify you in advance, explain the trigger, and provide a written estimate (or fixed-fee option) before proceeding.

Billing & administrative notes

- Third-party costs (e.g., drawings, translations, foreign associates, couriers) are billed at cost unless otherwise agreed in writing.
- Fixed professional fees cover listed services and include a standard reporting email and assume receipt of timely client instructions with access to necessary information (inventor declarations, assignment details, priority data, reference PDFs, etc.).
- Rush surcharge: +15%, instructions received <2 weeks of a non-extendable deadline; +20% when received <4 business days (unless otherwise agreed).
- We provide a reporting email summarizing the action taken as part of the applicable fixed fee.

Government fees (USPTO) — important notes

- USPTO fees shown are for convenience only and are subject to change. We bill actual government fees at cost (unless otherwise agreed in writing).
- USPTO fees depend on entity status (large/small/micro), application type, claim counts, and timing (e.g., extensions of time, IDS timing/size).
- Common USPTO-fees: excess claim fees (>3 independent, >20 total, and/or any multiple dependent claim), application size fees (>100 sheets), non-DOCX filing surcharge (where the specification/claims/abstract are not submitted in DOCX), and extension/late surcharges. Any such fees are billed at cost unless otherwise agreed.

Office Action Responses (Fixed Professional Fees)

Service	Firm fixed fee (USD)	Common USPTO fee (Large / Small / Micro)	Notes / scope
Restriction Requirement / Election Response (Tier 1 – straightforward election, no traversal)	\$850	\$0	Includes review, client communication, election filing, and reporting email.
Restriction Requirement / Election Response (Tier 2 – election with traversal and/or arguments)	\$1,450	\$0	Includes one examiner interview if needed.
Restriction Requirement / Election Response (Tier 3 – complex restriction / rejoinder issues)	\$2,100	\$0	Includes one examiner interview if needed.
Non-Final and Final Office Action Responses (Tier 1 – straightforward)	\$2,550	\$0 (+ extension fees if needed)	Includes amendment/arguments and reporting email. Does not include IDS, appeal, or RCE.
Non-Final and Final Office Action Responses (Tier 2 – standard)	\$4,250	\$0 (+ extension fees if needed)	Includes one examiner interview if helpful. Does not include IDS, appeal, or RCE.
Non-Final and Final Office Action Responses (Tier 3 – complex)	\$4,750- \$6,750	\$0 (+ extension fees if needed)	Includes one examiner interview; for unusually complex matters, such as, inclusion of 1.132 Declarations, scope/budget will be separately confirmed; Does not include IDS, appeal, or RCE.
Design Non-Final and Final Office Action Responses (Accommodated Support Rejections Only)	\$1,550	\$0 (+ extension fees if needed)	Includes amendment/arguments and reporting email. Does not include IDS, appeal, examiner interview, or RCE.
Examiner Interview (prep, attendance, and follow-up summary) – stand-alone	\$1,250	\$0	Often bundled into Tier 2/3 responses above.
Examiner Interview – Examiner Initiated	\$800	\$0	Includes receiving Examiner Interview request, reporting of Examiner’s comments, and return call to Examiner regarding instructions.
<i>Ex Parte Quayle</i> Response (Straightforward)	\$1,150	\$0 (+ extension fees if needed)	
Preparation and Filing Extension of Time	\$150	1st: \$235 / \$94 / \$47; 2nd: \$690 / \$ 276 / \$138 3rd: \$1,590 / \$636 / \$318	

U.S. Prosecution Filings & Formalities (Fixed Professional Fees)

Service	Firm fixed fee (USD)	Common USPTO fee (Large / Small / Micro)	Notes / scope
Request for Track One Prioritized Examination (prepare & file request)	\$680	\$4,515 / 1,806 / 903	USPTO fee shown does not include filing/search/exam fees for the underlying application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) – prepare & file (no substantive amendment)	\$390	1st: \$1,500 / \$600 / \$300; 2nd: \$2,860/\$1,144/\$572	Substantive RCE amendment/arguments handled under OA response fixed fees or hourly (as agreed).
Terminal Disclaimer – prepare & file	\$365 + \$85 for each additional patent disclaimed	\$183	USPTO fee is not discounted for small/micro entities.
Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) – prepare & file (≤50 cumulative items)	\$600		USPTO fees for: (i) late IDS fee and/or (ii) IDS size fees for >50 items.
Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) – prepare & file (51–100 cumulative items)	\$900	\$200	USPTO fees for: (i) late IDS fee and/or (ii) IDS size fees for >50 items cumulatively filed.
Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) – prepare & file (101–200 cumulative items)	\$1,300	\$500	USPTO fees for: (i) late IDS fee and/or (ii) IDS size fee (>100) (less any amount previously paid).
Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) – prepare & file (>200 cumulative items)	Quoted	\$800	May trigger USPTO IDS size fee (>200) (less any amount previously paid).
Substitute Statement under 37 CFR 1.64 – prepare & file	\$255	\$0	
Inventor Declaration(s) & Power of Attorney – up to 3 inventors (+\$70 per inventor over 3)	\$420	\$0	Complex inventorship/assignment issues may require attorney time (quoted in advance).
Corrected Official Filing Receipt / Corrected ADS / Corrected priority claim (per document)	\$280	\$0	For straightforward corrections; significant rework or petitions quoted separately.
Fee Address Indication Form – prepare & file	\$220	\$0	
Change of Entity Status – prepare & file	\$360	\$0	
Priority Document filing / claim of priority (per document)	\$280	\$0	Does not include procurement of certified copies/priority documents from other offices.
Request for Express Abandonment to avoid publication (includes processing & closeout)	\$290	\$0	Assumes no petition is required.
Request for refund of USPTO fee – prepare & file	\$260	\$0	USPTO refund subject to USPTO rules/approval.
Notice to File Missing Parts – receipt, docket, and report	\$250	\$0	
Response to Notice of Missing Parts/Requirements – prepare & file (no substantive patentability issues)	\$465	\$0 (+ any USPTO surcharge if applicable)	If petitions or substantive issues are needed, we will confirm scope/budget.
Certified Translation processing (plus vendor costs)	\$280	\$0	Vendor translation fees billed at cost.

Post-Allowance & Maintenance (Fixed Professional Fees)

Service	Firm fixed fee (USD)	Common USPTO fee (Large / Small / Micro)	Notes / scope
Notice of Allowance – review allowed claims, prepare issue fee documents, pay issue/publication fee, and report	\$1,420	\$1,290 / \$516 / \$258	Utility issue fee shown. Publication fee (if separately assessed) billed at cost.
Notice of Publication – receive, docket, and report	\$280	\$0	
Maintenance Fee Payment & Reporting (per maintenance fee)	\$530	See notes	USPTO maintenance fees: 3.5 yr 2,150 / 860 / 430, 7.5 yr 4,040 / 1,616 / 808, 11.5 yr 8,280 / 3,312 / 1,656. Late surcharge 540 / 216 / 108.

Assignments, Ownership & Recordation (Fixed Professional Fees)

Service	Firm fixed fee (USD)	Common USPTO fee (Large / Small / Micro)	Notes / scope
Assignment Preparation (Standard Assignment)	\$250	\$0	USPTO assignment recordation fee is \$0 if submitted electronically; \$54 if not.
Assignment Recordation & Reporting (includes EPAS submission and confirmation)	\$290	\$0	Does not include preparation of assignment document (see above).
Rule 3.73(b) Statement – prepare & file	\$225	\$0	

Appeals, Copies & Other USPTO Services (Fixed Professional Fees)

Service	Firm fixed fee (USD)	Common USPTO fee (Large / Small / Micro)	Notes / scope
Notice of Appeal – prepare & file	\$385	\$905 / \$362 / \$181	Does not include appeal brief or oral hearing (quoted separately).
Obtain copy of application as filed / file history (USPTO service)	\$205	\$38 / \$38 / \$38	USPTO service fee shown for copy of application as filed; other copy/certification fees may apply.
Abandoned Application – close-out and report	\$200	\$0	
Receiving transferred application file	No Charge		

US and PCT Patent Applications (Fixed Professional Fees)

Service	Firm fixed fee (USD)	Exemplary Government (USPTO/WIPO) Fees (Large / Small / Micro)	Notes / scope
Prepare/file U.S. Provisional Patent Application (Tier 1): Typically, a single inventive concept; and for example, ≤10 figures, ≤20 pages of inventor materials.	\$3,500-\$5,000	\$325 / \$130 / \$65	USPTO fees shown include basic fees for provisional application. other government fees may apply and are billed at cost.
Prepare/file U.S. Provisional Patent Application (Tier 2): Typically, of moderate complexity, embodiments, and figures, with ideas clearly set forth, with little to no further development while preparing application.	\$5,500-\$8,000	\$325 / \$130 / \$65	USPTO fees shown include basic fees for provisional application. other government fees may apply and are billed at cost.
Prepare/file U.S. Provisional Patent Application (Tier 3): Typically, complex with unique patentability issues that require patentability strategizing, such as, for diagnostics, biotech, and software-heavy, with iterations and further development while drafting application.	\$8,500-\$15,500	\$325 / \$130 / \$65	USPTO fees shown include basic fees for provisional application. other government fees may apply and are billed at cost.
Prepare/file U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application, CIP or PCT (Tier 1): Typically a single inventive concept; and for example, ≤10 figures, ≤20 pages of inventor materials.	\$5,500-\$7,000	U.S. Non-Prov or CIP: \$2000 / \$800 / \$400 PCT: \$4101 / \$2490 / \$1953	USPTO fees shown include basic filing, search, and examination fees for a utility non-provisional application. Excess claims (>3 independent/20 total with no multiple dependent), size fees (>100 pages), late surcharges, IDS, and other government fees may apply and are billed at cost. PCT Fees shown are exemplary only of typical government fees.
Prepare/file U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application, CIP or PCT (Tier 2): Typically, of moderate complexity, embodiments, and figures, with ideas clearly set forth, with little to no further development while preparing application.	\$7,500-\$9,000	U.S. Non-Prov or CIP: \$2000 / \$800 / \$400 PCT: \$4101 / \$2490 / \$1953	USPTO fees shown include basic filing, search, and examination fees for a utility non-provisional application. Excess claims (>3 independent/20 total with no multiple dependent), size fees (>100 pages), late surcharges, IDS, and other government fees may apply and are billed at cost. PCT Fees shown are exemplary only of typical government fees.
Prepare/file U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application, CIP or PCT (Tier 3): Typically, complex with unique patentability issues that require patentability strategizing, such as, for diagnostics, biotech, and software-heavy, with iterations and further development while drafting application.	\$9,500-\$24,200	U.S. Non-Prov or CIP: \$2000 / \$800 / \$400 PCT: \$4101 / \$2490 / \$1953	USPTO fees shown include basic filing, search, and examination fees for a utility non-provisional application. Excess claims (>3 independent/20 total with no multiple dependent), size fees (>100 pages), late surcharges, IDS, and other government fees may apply and are billed at cost. PCT Fees shown are exemplary only of typical government fees.
Prepare/file PCT Application (based on already-prepared U.S. Non-Provisional Application;	\$2,100	\$4101 / \$2490 / \$1953	PCT Fees shown are exemplary only of typical government fees.

*see Claim Development and/or Strategy Add-On below).			
Filing National Stage of PCT Patent Application (*see Claim Development and/or Strategy Add-On below).	\$1,200	US was ISA: \$1380 / \$552 / \$276 US was not ISA: \$2000 / \$800 / \$400	USPTO fees shown include basic filing, search, and examination fees for a utility non-provisional application. Excess claims (>3 independent/20 total with no multiple dependent), size fees (>100 pages), late surcharges, IDS, and other government fees may apply and are billed at cost.
Prepare/file U.S. CON or DIV Patent Application (*see Claim Development and/or Strategy Add-On below).	\$1,200	\$2,000 / \$800 / \$400	USPTO fees shown include basic filing, search, and examination fees for a utility non-provisional application. Excess claims (>3 independent/20 total with no multiple dependent), size fees (>100 pages), late surcharges, IDS, and other government fees may apply and are billed at cost.

***Claim Development and/or Strategy Add-On:** the “base filing” fees above assume we receive a reasonably complete claim set at kickoff (or we are re-using an existing claim set with only minor conforming edits) and that attorney/agent time spent on claim strategy and drafting is ≤ 3.0 hours. Significant Claim Development and/or Strategy is outside scope and billed hourly (with a written estimate and client approval before proceeding) when any of the following occurs:

- No claim set is provided at kickoff, or a new/reshaped claim strategy is requested.
- Claim strategy/drafting exceeds 3.0 attorney/agent hours beyond conforming edits.
- Multiple alternative claim sets are drafted for restriction strategy, election, or portfolio positioning.
- Extensive prior-art navigation is required to redesign the claim set prior to filing.

Foreign Patent Applications (U.S. Counsel Formalities)

Service	Firm fixed fee (USD)	Notes / scope
File Non-US National Stage of PCT Patent Application (already prepared; using Filing Services for filing)	\$870	Filing Services fees are additional and billed at cost.
File Non-US National Stage of PCT Patent Application (already prepared; direct FA filing)	\$1,090	Foreign associate and foreign government fees are additional and billed at cost.
Validation of EPO National Application (each country)	\$970	Foreign associate and foreign government fees are additional and billed at cost.
Hong Kong Registration (stage 1 or stage 2)	\$570	Foreign associate and foreign government fees are additional and billed at cost.
Processing legalization (surcharge per country) per document (excluding cost)	\$360	Courier/consular fees billed at cost.
Processing assignment document/change in assignment	\$470	Foreign associate and foreign government fees are additional and billed at cost.
Obtain and forward certified copy of priority application	\$280	
Report search results (no substantive comments)	\$280	
Receive and forward foreign official action (no substantive comments)	\$310	
Non-Final and Final Office Action Responses (Tier 1 – straightforward)	\$1,550	Foreign associate and foreign government fees are additional and billed at cost.
Non-Final and Final Office Action Responses (Tier 2 – standard)	\$2,550	Foreign associate and foreign government fees are additional and billed at cost.
Non-Final and Final Office Action Responses (Tier 3 – complex)	\$3,550 - \$6,550	Foreign associate and foreign government fees are additional and billed at cost.
Authorize payment of foreign issue fee and forward patent	\$590	
Request for examination (foreign)	\$605	
Voluntary amendments (Simple)	\$800	Foreign associate and foreign government fees are additional and billed at cost.
Voluntary amendments (Standard)	\$1400	Foreign associate and foreign government fees are additional and billed at cost.
Voluntary amendments (Complex)	\$2400-3800	Foreign associate and foreign government fees are additional and billed at cost.
Annuity payment coordination & correspondence (each country, per event)	\$490	Foreign annuity fees billed at cost.
Abandoned Application – close-out and report	\$200	