

# FILING FOR A PATENT

## Without Legal Assistance



# 5,000-10,000\$

Is what most patent attorneys charge as the minimum fee for prosecuting patent applications. Fortunately, there is no rule that you must involve a patent attorney in the application process and you can do it on your own if you have time to commit.

## Considerations for filing on your own.

- Whether or not you will have the time to conduct your own research and follow through with the application process
- Whether or not the complexity of your invention constitutes the need for an attorney
- What the likelihood is that others will challenge your patent, and if it is high enough to constitute the need for an attorney



## What are the chances of getting a patent without an attorney?



# 4.22%

of patents granted in 2019 were owned by individuals. The majority of patents were awarded to corporations, showing that the odds are stacked against non-corporate applicants.

## Can you get a strong patent without an attorney?

When applying, it is important to have a strong patent. Strong patents present well-written claims, display usefulness, distinguish an invention with prior art, and anticipate legal challenges. Many of the elements of a strong patent can be achieved without an attorney, although having one definitely helps.



## What Free or Low-Cost Resources are Available?

- [USPTO Pro Se Assistance Program](#)
- [Patent Pro Bono Program](#)
- [Law School Clinics](#)
- [Patent & Trademark Resource Centers](#)

