



How to Strengthen Your Patent

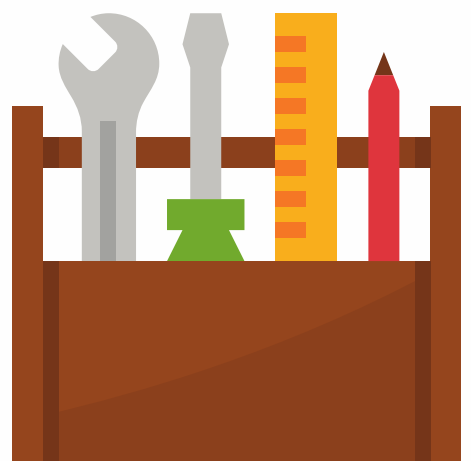


Present well-written claims

Some patents are more enforceable than others. The best type of patent has a strong set of claims that are broad but to-the-point.

Remember that usefulness is more important than novelty

Of course, novelty and non-obviousness matter (they're patent requirements) but it's wise to ask yourself, "what's the point of my invention?" The answer to that question will determine whether your product is truly marketable.



Use prior art to distinguish your invention

One of the best ways to improve your patent claims is by reviewing prior art. A prior art search can reveal the descriptions and claims of related ideas, which you can use to bolster your own claims.



Try to attack your own patent

Think of ways to apply the formula to your own experience. After calculating an answer, make sure that it has addressed the underlying question.

