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From the Desk of John Ferrell



Five Patent Mistakes That Cost Millions

Before you invest time and money into a patent, learn some of the most common and expensive mistakes inventors make. In this video, John Ferrell breaks down what to avoid, how to stay compliant, and how to protect your invention without overspending.

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In the News

USPTO Raises Annual Limit on Prioritized Patent Applications

The USPTO has increased the number of prioritized applications accepted each year, helping inventors speed up the review process. This change gives startups and solo inventors a better shot at fast-tracking their innovations.

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What Trump's Copyright Office Shakeup Means

A recent reshuffling of leadership at the Copyright Office by President Trump could signal a shift in how AI-generated content and online copyright are handled in the U.S.

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PTAB's Invalidation Rate Remains High

The Patent Trial and Appeal Board continues to invalidate a large portion of challenged patents. While the numbers spark concern among patent holders, they also underscore the importance of writing strong, defensible claims.

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Notorious B.I.G Catalog: Family Feud Over Rights

A dispute between Biggie's widow and mother over rights to his music catalog highlights how estate planning and copyright law collide, even decades after death.

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U.S. Copyright Office Releases New Visual Toolkit

Need help understanding what copyright protects and what it doesn't? The new visual toolkit from the Copyright Office simplifies complex concepts using easy-to-understand graphics.

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Cox v. Sony: Who's Liable for User-Generated Infringement?

The courts are re-examining when internet providers and platforms can be held accountable for users' infringement. This case could reshape digital copyright enforcement for everyone.

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Karol G and Tiësto Cleared of Infringement

A federal judge has ruled in favor of Karol G and Tiësto in a copyright case involving song structure and sampling. The case reinforces how important it is to draw the line between influence and originality.

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TicketMatrix Drops Infringement Claim Against NFL

After months of legal back-and-forth, TicketMatrix has withdrawn its patent infringement suit against the NFL. No settlement details were disclosed, but the move ends one of the sports world's most visible IP battles.

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