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Note from J.D.



Hello Clients, Colleagues and Friends,

I hope you are all off to a wonderful April... enjoying the milder temperatures and planting lots of fun flowers, vegetables, fruits, etc. We have plans to put in a apple tree this weekend in the back yard with our girls - they will love it, a honeycrisp apple tree (their favorite). Summer will be here before you know it, we are planning on a Bold Summer Event here in Seattle-area...we will be announcing it by next month, so stay tuned.

It's been a busy month for Patent Law! With some very recent cases being decided that are very **patent-owner positive**. Specifically for any inventor in the computer-implemented device domain, some very good decisions were passed down from the Federal Circuit this past month or so. In *Finjan Inc. v. Blue Coat Systems, Inc.*, 879 F. 1299 (Fed. Cir. 2018) the court found that the claims were held **patent eligible** because the court concluded that the claimed method recites specific steps that accomplish a result that realizes an improvement in computer functionality. As many of you know, many patents have been recently been rejected under the premise that they are abstract ideas simply because they are being performed on the computer - this case helps inventors that can point to how they are improving computer functionality. In *Core Wireless Licensing S.A.R.L., v. LG Electronics, Inc.*, 880 F. 1356 (Fed. Cir. 2018), again the court found the claims to a graphical user interface (GUI) patent eligible In particular, because the claims contain precise language **delimiting the type of data to be displayed** and how to display it, thus **improving upon conventional user interfaces** to increase the efficiency of using mobile devices. So these two big cases help us as Patent practitioners focus our arguments on how our client's inventions are improving upon the conventional state of the art.

I hope you enjoy the news below, have a great rest of the month!

Aerospace




["NASA Renews Focus on Earth's Frozen Regions"](#) (photo credit: NASA)



New and Noteworthy Granted Aerospace Patents:

- [Method of weight reduction for interior panels of airplanes](#)
- [Fastening Method for multi-layer buildup](#)

Healthcare

 weight loss



["Freezing Hunger-Signaling Nerve May Help Ignite Weight Loss"](#)

New and Noteworthy Granted Medical Patents:

- [Medical Device curving \(shaping\) system](#)
- [Adjustable medical device for bodily tissue](#)

Software



VS



["Microsoft Powerpoint vs. Google Slides: Which Works Better for Business?"](#)

New and Noteworthy Granted Software Patents:

- [System and Method for Distribution and Selling of Software](#)
- [A system of Distributed Software Quality Improvements](#)

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Bold Patents Events

- **IP 301: Implementing Patent, Trademark, Copyright, and Trade Secret Law in Your Business**
 - This course provides tools, templates, worksheets, and resources for how to implement creation, protection, enforcement, and monetization of IP. Business owners and entrepreneurs will learn how to implement processes and systems into their businesses to create, protect, enforce and monetize their IP.
 - Date/Time: Friday, April 6, 2018 - 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM (PDT)
 - Location: Surf Incubator Seattle – [999 Third Ave, Suite 700, Seattle, WA 98104](#)
 - [View Details & RSVP Here](#)
- **Seattle Office Hours at Surf Incubator**
 - Get free discussions with patent attorney, JD Houvener, as you plan for creation, protection, enforcement or monetization of intellectual property regardless of stage of business lifecycle.
 - Date/Time: 2nd Thursday every month – 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PDT)
 - Location: Surf Incubator Seattle – [999 Third Ave, Suite 700, Seattle, WA 98104](#)
 - [View Details & RSVP Here](#)
- **Lynnwood Patents 101 Workshop: Protecting, Enforcing & Monetizing in Your Biz**
 - Are you an idea maker, business owner, entrepreneur, or startup? This workshop is for you! I'll be teaching the basics of Patent Law and providing resources that will be highly valuable to you. Come prepared to learn about the law and how it applies to your business. We will have supporting series to help with your business plan and how to implement in the coming months. Seating is limited, please RSVP early!
 - Date/Time: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 – 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM (PDT)
 - Location: Lynnwood Library - Small Meeting Room – [19200 44th Avenue West, Lynnwood, WA 98036](#)
 - [View Details & RSVP Here](#)
- **Northend Patents 101 Workshop: Protecting, Enforcing & Monetizing in Your Biz**
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- o Date/Time: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 – 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM (PDT)
- o Location: Bold Patents - Large Conference Room – [6100 219th ST SW #480, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043](#)
- o [View Details & RSVP Here](#)

- **Tacoma Patents 201 Workshop: Business Planning**

- o Are you an idea maker, business owner, entrepreneur, or startup? This workshop is for you! This course lays out how Patent Law is integral to a business plan and how intellectual property is involved as a business grows. Come prepared to learn about the law and how it applies to your business. Seating is limited, please RSVP early!
- o Date/Time: Monday, April 30, 2018 – 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (PDT)
- o Location: [1201 Pacific Ave, Tacoma, WA 98402](#)
From the street: Enter the building, take the escalator down to the ground floor, and enter the corridor straight ahead through double glass doors. We will be in the conference room to the left.
- o [View Details & RSVP Here](#)

- **Seattle Patents 201 Workshop: Business Planning**

- o Are you an idea maker, business owner, entrepreneur, or startup? This workshop is for you! This course lays out how Patent Law is integral to a business plan and how intellectual property is involved as a business grows. Come prepared to learn about the law and how it applies to your business. Seating is limited, please RSVP early!
- o Date/Time: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 – 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM (PDT)
- o Location: Impact Hub Seattle – [220 Second Ave South Seattle, WA 98104](#)
- o [View Details & RSVP Here](#)

- **Patent and Trade Secrets 101: The Law, Protecting, Enforcing, and Monetizing**

- o Date/Time: Thursday, May 3, 2018 - 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM (PDT)
- o Location: Surf Incubator Seattle – [999 Third Ave, Suite 700, Seattle, WA 98104](#)

Latest on our Blog



Difference Between Trademark, Copyright, and Patent

You've started a business enterprise and now are looking to protect your intellectual property, great! There are a variety of legal instruments available to accomplish your business goals. These are: patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, and right of publicity. Patent Patents grant the owner an exclusive right, or monopoly, for a limited time on the...

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Paypal Expedited Virtual Currency Transaction System Patent Application

Remember when e-commerce was not really a thing and buying and selling online was basically the Wild West? I have had my share of risky purchases and buyer's remorse during those tumultuous times. But when eBay basically married PayPal, things got a lot better, namely in regards to secure, encrypted P2P financial transactions. Indeed, PayPal ...

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Intellectual Property Strategies for Startups – Part 3

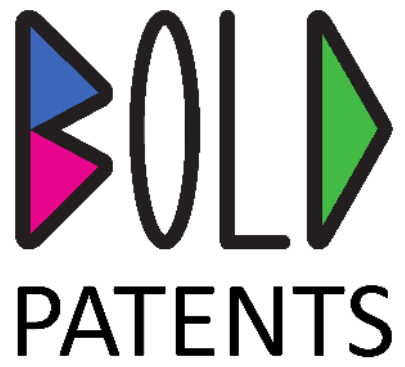
This third part of the three-part series with respect to Intellectual Property (IP) Strategies for Startups will discuss some recommended IP strategies to protect the startup's IP. Click the corresponding links here for Part 1 and Part 2. Part 3. Employ several strategies to protect the IP assets Consider the following strategies to ensure that ...

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Bold IP Client Spotlight



Bob Kahra, owner of [Lothar Paint, Inc.](#) (Big Bear Lake, CA) is a rock star client, we just had to share his story. He has diligently worked toward bringing his product, the "BK Spray Pal" to market. He has worked with our Patent Attorney, [Derek Clements](#), of Chicago, IL to get a very nice broad claim set on his now patent-pending Non-provisional patent application. Bob has been met with an overwhelmingly encouraging response from every potential hardware store or painter he's talked with. The road has not been easy for Bob, as he has had to endure finding the right relationships and partnerships with designers, manufacturers, and partners to bring it to life. On top of all that, he just shared the good news that Lowes will be putting them up on the website! If you're a painter or roofer or know someone who is, maybe they'll want to be part of this. Bob and his team have started a new Kickstarter campaign which can be found [here](#). We couldn't be more proud of you, Bob - congratulations!



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