a. Reverse engineering is legal in the U.S.
   True ( )   False ( )
   IS THIS YOUR FINAL ANSWER?

b. Only technical and scientific information can be trade secrets
   True ( )   False ( )
   IS THIS YOUR FINAL ANSWER?

C. We should always insist on signing an NDA BEFORE accepting confidential information
   True ( )   False ( )
   IS THIS YOUR FINAL ANSWER?
CLAIMING PRIORITY

The Rules

Generally, the Rules require that an Applicant make a “specific” reference to the prior-filed application in either:

1. the specification; or
2. an application data sheet (ADS).

The Rules dictate that the “specific” reference:

1. identify the prior-filed application by application number; and
2. identify the specific relationship of the applications (i.e., continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part).
CLAIMING PRIORITY
How To

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION
This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/123,456, filed March 1, 2008.

BACKGROUND

1. Field
This invention relates to blah blah blah…
CLAIMING PRIORITY – How NOT To

Note Title

United States Patent

Patent No.: US
Date of Patent: Nov. 13, 2007

LOW BASAL PLANE DISLOCATION BULK GROWN SIC WAFERS

Inventors: 

Assignee: 

Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) by 281 days.

Appl. No.: 11/147,645
Filed: Jun. 8, 2005

Prior Publication Data
US 2006/0075958 A1 Apr. 13, 2006

Related U.S. Application Data
Provisional application No. 60/522,366, filed on Sep. 21, 2004.

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Note Priority

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## INVALID PRIORITY CLAIM?

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### Note Title

STUPP-stand up and pee or Genis-girl's penis
CLAIMING PRIORITY
What Happened?

- Transmittal includes no priority claim
- Original specification includes no priority claim
- Declaration includes no priority claim
- Priority reference entered into spec. by examiner after a phone interview

Somebody missed a digit
NAMING INVENTORSHIP

ETHICON v. U.S. SURGICAL CORP.

1989: INFRINGEMENT SUIT
ETHICON v. U.S. SURGICAL CORP.
Cont.

LATE 70’s
YOON CONCEIVES TROCAR IDEA

1980
YOON SHOWS IDEA TO CHOI

YOON ASKS CHOI TO WORK ON TROCAR (UNPAID)

1982
CHOI DECIDES TO LEAVE PROJECT

1982
YOON FILES FOR A PATENT

1985
PATENT ISSUES TO YOON

YOON LICENSES ETHICON EXCLUSIVELY

1989
USSC LEARNS ABOUT CHOI

NOW WHAT?
ETHICON v. U.S. SURGICAL CORP.
Cont.

CHOI LICENSE RIGHTS TO USSC

YOUR HONOR
USSC MOVES TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP

MOTION GRANTED!
ETHICON v. U.S. SURGICAL CORP.
Cont.

YOUR HONOR
USSC MOVES TO DISMISS THE SUIT

MOTION GRANTED!

END RESULT: U.S. SURGICAL CORP. NOT ONLY DOES NOT INFRINGE BUT NOW IT OWNS THE PATENT
Abstract

A system for connecting mating pairs of shoes to prevent separation and possible mismatching when offered for sale in self-service stores. According to the system, the shoes at the toe of a machine are provided with a hooking tab inside the shoe. The tab comprises a length of narrow, strong sheet material having a hole or loop at one end and a reconfigurable element at the other end. The reconfigurable element is attached to the shoe wall and the shoe is secured to the shoe wall by means of a hooking tab disposed of the shoe wall. The elastic nature of the hooking tab is secured by means of sharp, resilient, elastic, or elasticous, such as to be tight for the shoe wall and the shoe is secured by the elastic element of the mating portion of the fastening tab. The shoes are secured together by passing a fastener, such as a hooking tab through the hole or loop at one end of the mating portion of the fastening tab and through the hooking tab at the other end before joining the ends together in a closed loop.
ABSTRACT

A bird diaper for an uncaged pet bird to wear, featuring an enclosed pouch for excreta and contamination removal, and apertures to accommodate both the wings and the tail of the bird. Elastic straps and hook and loop fastener components (e.g., VELCRO) secure the diaper onto the body of the pet bird without restricting movement. The bird diaper is fabricated from a variety of non-irritating, lightweight materials, allowing absorption of bird excrement to prevent leaks and facilitating easy cleaning using soap and water. The bird diaper can incorporate decorative designs, bright colors and is available in different sizes. The bird diaper also has a harness which is assemble within the hook and loop fasteners. The harness serves to restrain or limit the bird's area of free flight.

10 Claims, 7 Drawing Sheets
Which one is the Real iPod?

A

B

C

D
Cost of Design Patent $2-3K

Apple Design Patents
- Apple D’677
- Apple D’087
- Apple D’889

Samsung Accused Products
- Samsung Galaxy S 4G
- Samsung Infuse 4G
- Samsung Galaxy S 4G

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Cost of Infringing a Design Patent ...
How to Spell "Starbucks" in Chinese
Thank you