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## **CONFIDENTIAL RECORD AND DISCLOSURE OF INVENTION**

**Before we can determine whether to file for patent protection on your invention, we request a completed copy of this questionnaire.** Please note, we are required to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) all information which is material to the examination of a patent application. Therefore, please carefully complete the following questionnaire and mail back to our office so the attorney can be provided with the information necessary to comply with the PTO's disclosure requirements. It should be noted that errors and omissions in connection with this information can result in the invalidity or unenforceability of any resultant patent.

### **PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO OUR OFFICE**

Details of the Invention: Indicate the ESSENTIAL parts of your invention?

What are the advantages of the invention over competitive devices?

In order to be patentable, an invention must be NOVEL, USEFUL and NOT OBVIOUS to one skilled in the art, based upon everything that was available at the time of the invention. State of the Art: Consider what was already in existence (whether patented or not) before the invention. What is the closest device (method) you are aware of to your invention?

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How does your invention perform its function different from, or better than, these prior devices (methods)?

Do you know of any publications that might describe the invention or its competitors?

You may not get a patent on an invention which was already patented, or described in a printed publication, or in public use or on sale either: (a) by others, before you invented it, or (b) by anyone, more than one year before you apply for a patent. Date of Invention: "Invention" means a combination of conception (coming up with the idea of the invention) and reduction to practice (building it, or applying for a patent). Please note, a confidential disclosure to a third party may not be public disclosure and may not trigger the one-year time line, if the receiving party signed a confidentiality agreement. Please contact my office to make sure you understand this requirement. When did you first begin to work on the invention? **MM/DD/YYYY**

Has the invention been built or was a final design completed? If so, when? **MM/DD/YYYY**

Publications: Has the invention ever been described in any printed form by anyone, (i.e., advertisement)? If so, where and when? **MM/DD/YYYY**

Public Use: Has the invention ever been shown or used in public? If so, where and when? Was the invention disclosed to anyone subject to a non-disclosure agreement? **MM/DD/YYYY**

Sale: Has the invention ever been offered for sale or will it be within the next 12 months? If so, where and when? **MM/DD/YYYY**

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Other Inventors: Is there anyone else who contributed to the conception or reduction to practice of the invention, in more than a purely mechanical way?

Rights in Others: Are you under any obligation to assign any rights in the invention to others? Was the invention developed in the course of your employment, or using any facilities belonging to your employer? If so, the employer may have rights to the invention.

Additional notes and comments.

Be sure to sign and date the form, and have it witnessed by someone who is not the inventor(s).

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