Resources for the trademark registration process

Fundamentals

Trademark basics

An overview of trademark basics and how to enhance your rights through federal registration. www.uspto.gov/TrademarkBasics

Trademark basics toolkit

A downloadable toolkit of what you need to know before, during, and after filing an application. www.uspto.gov/TrademarkBasicsToolkit

Trademark processoverview

A six-step overview of the federal trademark registration application and maintenance process. www.uspto.gov/trademarks/basics/trademark-process

Trademarktimelines

Graphics that show the steps and time frames for processing a trademark application and maintaining a trademark registration.

www.uspto gov/TrademarkTimelines

Filing and maintenance

Trademark search

Search the USPTO's online database of applied-for and registered marks before filing.

www.uspto.gov/SearchTrademarks

Trademark ID Manual

Search the USPTO's online database of acceptable identifications of goods and services. www.uspto.gov/TrademarkID

Trademark Center

Apply for trademark registration using the USPTO's modernized filing system.

www.uspto.gov/trademarks/apply

Trademarks Status and Document Retrieval System (TSDR)

Check the status of your application or registration and download documents in your file. https://tsdr.uspto.gov

See the reverse side for additional electronic resources and information about legal services.

Information and inquiries

USPTO fee schedule

Provides information and current fees for products and services provided by the USPTO. www.uspto.gov/Fees

Disclosure of application information

Federal law requires public disclosure of your application information, although some personal information can be hidden from the public. www.uspto.gov/TMPersonalinfo

Trademark Assistance Center (TAC)

Answers general questions about the trademark registration process, as well as inquiries about the status of trademark applications and registrations. www.uspto.gov/TrademarkAssistance

Patent and Trademark Resource Centers (PTRCs)

Nationwide network of public, state, and academic libraries providing patent and trademark assistance and resources, including search tools. www.uspto.gov/PTRC

Inventor and entrepreneur resources

Provides links to patent and trademark resources, educational material, and general information. www.uspto.gov/lnventors

Free USPTO services and resources

Provides a directory of free intellectual property (IP) services, resources, education, and training to support the full spectrum of customers—from independent patent and trademark filers to experienced attorneys and business advisors.

www.uspto.gov/FreeServices

Legal assistance

Hiring a U.S.-licensed attorney

Describes when you are required to hire an attorney, as well as provides links to free and reduced-price legal services.

www.uspto.gov/trademarks/basics/why-hire-private-trademark-attorney

Patent and trademark practitioners

Provides general information about attorneys who are allowed to practice trademark law before the USPTO, as well as registered patent practitioners. www.uspto.gov/Practitioners

Law School Clinic Certification Program

Provides information about how to apply for free legal assistance offered by participating law schools.

www.uspto.gov/LawSchoolClinic

Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) pro bono clearinghouse program

Provides information about organizations that coordinate free legal services to members of the public in proceedings before the TTAB.

www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/inventors-and-entrepreneurs/ttab-pro-bono-clearinghouse-program

See the front side for additional resources about trademark basics.