



Options for US and International Utility Patent Applications

- 1 **Initial Meeting with Ganz Law**
Disclose Invention and Sign Engagement Letter
- 2 **Patent Search (Optional)**
Looking for prior art. Results range from uninterpreted data to a patentability opinion.

Note: Public disclosure of your invention can bar you from patenting it. Most foreign countries have no "grace period" for public disclosure. Showing or discussing your invention without a non-disclosure agreement creates a risk of loss of rights.

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