



5 Proven Strategies For Improving Your Provisional Patent Application, And 4 Easy Steps For Filing One Yourself

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Samar Shah, our speaker for June 2016, is a registered patent attorney at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, an international law firm that is ranked among the top 10 patent litigation firms in the U.S, and a “Texas Powerhouse Firm.” Samar will present strategies for obtaining maximum value from your provisional, and teach you how to file one yourself.

Provisional patent applications represent the least expensive way to start the patent process in the U.S. An individual inventor can file a provisional patent application for as little as \$65. Although provisional patents are cheap, they can end up doing more harm than good if you are not careful. In this presentation, Samar will walk you through five proven strategies for avoiding costly mistakes that are common in provisional filings. He will equip you with the tools you need to go home and write a high quality provisional application that won't create problems down the road. He will highlight the risks that are inherent in provisional patents, and discuss strategies for minimizing those risks. Finally, Samar will walk you through the process of filing a provisional patent application at the Patent Office so that you will have the confidence to file your provisional yourself.

Samar has drafted and prosecuted patents, and has litigated patents in federal district courts. He recently helped a client obtain a \$6 million jury verdict on patent infringement, and helped defeat claims of patent invalidity, and patent misuse. Prior to joining Akin Gump in San Antonio, Samar worked at the Silicon Valley offices of Fenwick & West LLP, where he wrote patents for Facebook, Google, and many other early and late stage start-ups. You can learn more about Samar at <https://www.akingump.com/en/lawyers-advisors/samarkumar-k-shah.html>, and contact him at skshah@akingump.com

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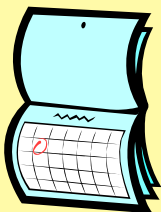
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