



Obtaining Patent Protection in Canada *An attractive option in North America*

The Canadian patent system is loosely based on US and European standards - with some intriguing features which make Canada an attractive option for protecting your inventions.

- No excess claim fees - no restriction on number of claims or number of independent claims
- Different types of claims (e.g., method, composition, use, etc.) can be prosecuted in same application
- Fees in Canadian dollars - competitive exchange rate vs US\$ and Euro
- Deferred examination - request can be made up to 5 years after filing
- Accelerated examination available
- Applications can be submitted in English or French
- One-year "grace period" for inventor-derived prior disclosures
- Participation in "Patent Prosecution Highway" with USPTO, with no government fees levied (as of April, 2009)
- Canadian Intellectual Patent Office (CIPO) is a PCT International Search Authority (ISA)

When considering patent protection in North America, look up --- *Canada*.

Filing in Canada? For further information, please contact Borden Ladner Gervais LLP. For a complimentary copy of our 2008 in-house publication entitled: *Biotechnology and Chemical Patent Practice in Canada* please send a request to:

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