US Practice Tip #4: US Provisionals: Stake your claim!

A US provisional patent application (PPA) is cheap and easy to file, and isn’t required to have claims.

If you are a patent attorney, or if you have ever spent more than ten minutes discussing an invention with us, your natural response to this “benefit” of not needing claims should be: “***Excuse me? No claims?!***”

Because a patent is all about the claims. You might think: “the law doesn’t require a PPA to have claims, and besides, my PPA won’t be examined, so why should it matter that there are no claims?” Well, it matters a lot. Let us tell you why..

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