

## Maine Patent Program Partners

To better serve our clients and to maximize the state's investment in economic growth, the Program works closely with other publicly-funded support institutions to help Maine's innovators succeed.

### ▼ MAINE TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE (MTI):

The Maine Technology Institute (MTI) is a non-profit organization created to financially stimulate and support research and development activity leading to the commercialization of new products and services. MTI offers grants of various sizes to start-up and existing technology based companies. [www.mainetechnology.org](http://www.mainetechnology.org)

### ▼ SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS (SBDC):

Trained counselors provide business management assistance, training and information services to Maine's micro and small business community, assisting in the creation and maintenance of viable businesses and the jobs these businesses provide. [www.mainesbdc.org](http://www.mainesbdc.org)

### ▼ MAINE CENTER FOR ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT (MCED):

The Maine Center for Enterprise Development provides mentoring, technical assistance and assistance with early stage capital. MCED helps new and young firms commercialize technologies by systematically assisting businesses with intellectual property and business plan needs, R&D activities, early stage financing and product commercialization. [www.mced.biz](http://www.mced.biz)



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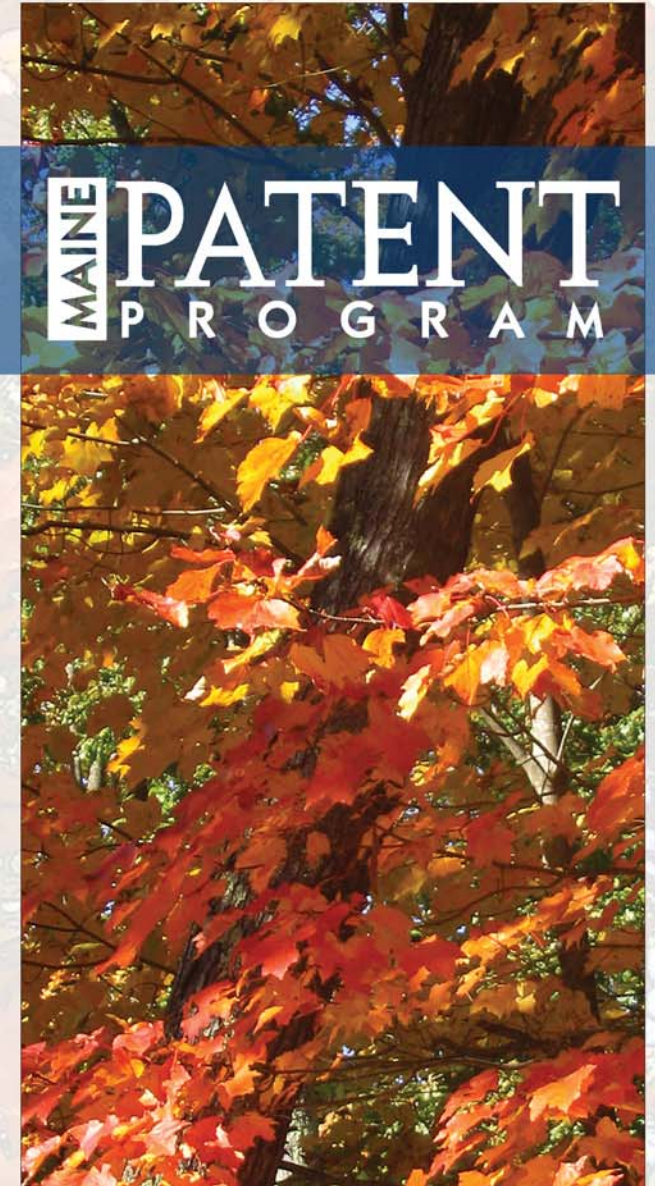
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## Center for Law+Innovation

The Center for Law and Innovation of the University of Maine School of Law supports Maine's investments in science and technology by studying and teaching about the role of intellectual property law as it pertains to economic development in Maine. For more information, please visit the Center's website at:

[www.lawandinnovation.org](http://www.lawandinnovation.org)

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The Maine Patent Program is administered by the Center for Law and Innovation at the University of Maine School of Law.



## Who We Are

The Maine Patent Program was created by the Maine Legislature (10 M.R.S.A. § 1921) to stimulate and support new and existing businesses in Maine. We assist innovators and entrepreneurs by providing education and professional advice on protecting intellectual property.

## Costs to Program Clients

Educational seminars and basic services are provided at no cost to Maine inventors and businesses. Clients are generally responsible for non-program costs such as expanded prior art search reports, as well as fees charged by patent and trademark professionals to prepare, file and prosecute patent and trademark applications. Funds for these services may be available through public sources such as the Maine Technology Institute.

## Education Services

The Program holds regular public seminars and training events to educate Maine inventors, entrepreneurs and businesses about patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret protection, as well as the impacts of these on commercialization techniques. In addition to the Program's own highly skilled legal staff, the Program frequently invites private sector patent, trademark and copyright attorneys and commercialization experts to lead its educational programs. For more details please see our calendar of upcoming events at [www.maineipatent.org](http://www.maineipatent.org) (click on Events)



## Intellectual Property Services

The Program employs experienced patent professionals to provide individual counseling to Maine inventors, entrepreneurs and businesses on intellectual property identification, screening and protection.

### ✓ INNOVATION SCREENING

Help determine if invention subject matter is eligible for patenting

### ✓ PRELIMINARY PRIOR ART SEARCHING

Online research to see what similar inventions have already been made public

### ✓ PATENTABILITY ANALYSIS

Determination of how patentable an invention is in light of what is already known by the public

### ✓ REVIEW OF OUTSIDE SEARCH REPORTS

Ordering and reviewing prior art search reports prepared by outside agencies

### ✓ INVENTORY ON IP POTENTIAL

Identifying, capturing and leveraging intellectual property for individuals and high-tech companies

### ✓ LICENSING ADVICE

Basic advice and counseling on intellectual property licensing

### ✓ REFERRALS TO ATTORNEYS AND AGENTS

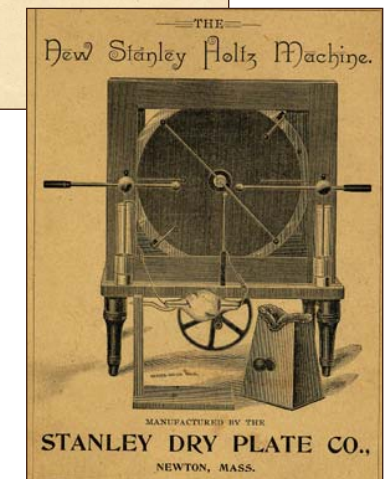
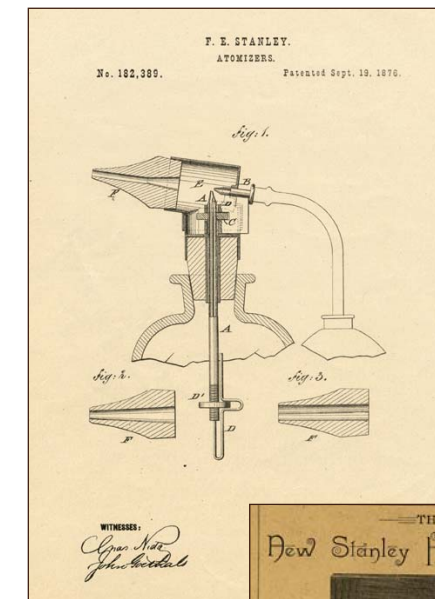
Help finding local intellectual property counsel near you for intellectual property protection and licenses

## How to Apply

To receive assistance from our program, see the Request Services link at our website: [www.maineipatent.org](http://www.maineipatent.org) or call (207) 228-8430.

## The Maine Inventors Forum

The Maine Inventors Forum is an informal group of inventors, engineers, problem-solvers and other professionals who get together to discuss their ideas. Together they are able to network and to learn about legal, financial, technical and related subjects of interest to the inventing community. The event is co-sponsored by the Maine Patent Program and the Maine Small Business Development Centers.



We chose to use images from the Stanley Museum because the Stanley twins from Kingfield, ME were entrepreneurs and inventors. To learn more about the Stanley brothers visit [www.stanleymuseum.org](http://www.stanleymuseum.org).