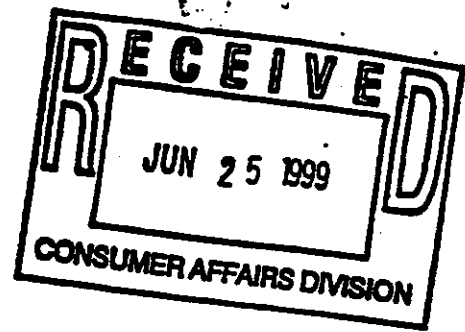


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To whom it may concern:

My complaint against National Invention Services Inc. begins with my idea which had to pass an art jury to evaluate it. Next it went to Washington for a patent search. Their drawings were very poor so I got a draftsman locally to do them right. The search should have indicated that all of my claims were too similar to patents already granted and that infringement would prevent my getting a patent-therefore stopping any further procedure. I think a good patent attorney would recognize this but already having \$8400.00 up front, they must look like they are doing their job. After a year of patent pending, they were to sell or lease the patent. I received a list that they were to contact which looked more like a page from the phone book. Naturally, no response. The patent application was rejected so with some changes were re submitted. Notes from the patent examiner were to the fact that the attorney should have known better than to expect a patent. All this indicates that this company is an imposter and needs brought down. A lengthy period passed, then I received several phone calls from a Mr. Al Lester wanting me to send him my prototype so he could send it to a company who was interested. I asked who the company is and he said Starrett. I told him that they make micrometers and levels and other precision tools so I don't get the connection but will send it anyway which I did. Another time lapsed and I called Al. He said-let me go out in the warehouse and see if it has come in. I doubt that it ever left the warehouse but I did get it back. Another time went by so I called the same number. That number is no longer in service was my answer. I called the patent attorney who is in Florida who gave me a new number which I called Al again. He said that the company had dissolved and had reorganized under the new name-Advent Product Development which is now listed in our new phone book. Again no correspondence. Being a retired tradesman, this is a lot of money to be taken in. I hope you can recover this and also put them out of business.

thank you,

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