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### COMPLAINT REGARDING INVENTION PROMOTER

Instructions: Read the reverse side of this form before completing and submitting the form. Complete as much of the form as possible and return it to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Mail Stop 24, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 or fax to (703) 306-5570. Please type or write clearly.

Name of the Invention Promotion Company: Invention Submission Corporation

Invention Promoter's Address: 217 9th Street

City Pittsburgh State PA Zip Code 15222-3506

Complainant's Name: Danielle Dawson

Complainant's Address: [REDACTED]

City [REDACTED] State [REDACTED] Zip Code [REDACTED]

Customer's Name: [REDACTED]

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Exemption 6, 5 USC Sec. 552(b)(6)  
USPTO FOIA 05-123

### WHAT IS YOUR COMPLAINT?

Please be as specific as possible within the space provided

Name of mass media invention promoter advertised in: (i.e., TV, Radio, Newspaper, Magazine, Other)

Invention Submission Corp.

Invention promotion services offered to be performed:

Patent Search, Marketability, Marketing to Manufacturers

Explanation of complaint between customer and invention promoter:

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Signed: Danielle Dawson Date: 11/30/04



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I met with Jerry Fitzgerald in Arlington Texas (ISC salesperson) in person. He reviewed my invention. After being told how ISC could help "bring my invention to industry" I was told they would perform a patent search and put my invention into book form for 975 dollars. I paid them the \$975 for the patent search and fancy book about my invention.

I was then told they could help me "shop" my idea to manufactures as well as showcase my idea in their frequent tradeshows for a down payment of \$4,000.00 and the balance of \$6,000.00 would be financed at 1% by Universal Finance Company. I paid the \$4,000.00 down via debt card approx 7/7/03 over the phone. 3 days later Jerry Fitzgerald disappeared. I was told he moved to San Antonio and I was left to deal with a new associate who I had not ever met. He was very aloof and was not sensitive to my concerns when I called.

I went through several phases with ISC and eventually ABOVE BOARD DRAFTING and patent attorney ROBERT FROST became involved. A design patent was applied for through patent attorney ASKAN AJAFFE. I have only received one letter from ISC since stating that my idea did peak the interest of one company----but they are no longer interested in my idea. I have not heard anything since.

I feel I have been scammed and that the only real service that could have been provided through ISC (the patent and draft service) has already been paid in full and rendered. The charges of \$6,000. I feel is where I have been scammed and I would like to my request to dissolve my involvement with ISC to be honored as I stated in writing November 1st 2004.

*Danielle Larson*

11/30/04



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An "Invention Promoter" is defined in 35 U.S.C. § 297(c)(3) as "any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity who offers to perform or performs invention promotion services for, or on behalf of, a customer, and who holds out itself through advertising in any mass media as providing such services, but does not include

- (A) any department or agency of the Federal Government or of a State or local government;
- (B) any nonprofit, charitable, scientific, or educational organization, qualified under applicable State law or described under section 170(b)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- (C) any person or entity involved in the evaluation to determine commercial potential of, or offering to license or sell, a utility patent or a previously filed nonprovisional utility patent application;
- (D) any party participating in a transaction involving the sale of the stock or assets of a business; or
- (E) any party who directly engages in the business of retail sales of products or the distribution of products."

"Invention Promotion Services" is defined in 35 U.S.C. § 297(c)(4) as "the procurement or attempted procurement for a customer of a firm, corporation, or other entity to develop and market products or services that include the invention of the customer."

"Customer" is defined in 35 U.S.C. § 297(c)(2) as "any individual who enters into a contract with an invention promoter for invention promotion services."

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