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## COMPLAINT REGARDING INVENTION PROMOTER

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Invention Promoter's Name: John D. Gugliotta Esq. Telephone # (330) 253-5678

Invention Promoter's Address: 202 Delaware Bldg j 137 South Main St.

City Akron State OH Zip Code 44308

Complainant's Name: Melissa Morano Telephone # [REDACTED]

Complainant's Address: [REDACTED]

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

Customer's Name: Melissa Morano [REDACTED]

### WHAT IS YOUR COMPLAINT?

Please be as specific as possible. Specify the invention promotion services offered to be performed or performed, provide the name of the mass media in which the invention promoter advertised as providing such services, and explain the relationship between the customer and the invention promoter. If additional space is needed, the information may be provided on paper attached to this form.

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Signed: Melissa Morano Date: 2/20/01

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Section 297 of Title 35, United States Code, authorizes collection of this information. The primary use of this information is to make complaints publicly available. Additional disclosures will be made to (i) persons or entities identified in the complaint, and (ii) a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency.

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Carefully read the following:

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."

"Contract for invention promotion services" is defined in 35 U.S.C. § 297(c)(1) as "a contract by which an invention promoter undertakes invention promotion services for a customer."

Any individual completing and filing the complaint form should understand the following.

1. No action will be taken by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on behalf of the individual against the invention promoter based on the complaint. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has no authority to pursue a cause of action on behalf of any individual against an invention promoter or provide the individual with any personal remedy. If an individual believes that he or she has an actionable case, the individual should consult with an attorney about the possible legal options which may be available.
2. The complaint will be published.
3. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office will provide the invention promoter with a reasonable opportunity to respond.
4. The response by the invention promoter will be published.

Submit your complaint form by mail to:

U. S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Office of Independent Inventor Programs  
Box 24  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**Re: Complaint against the Society of American Inventors  
The Law Offices of John D. Gugliotta**

I would like to file a formal complaint against the above company for inventor's fraud. I had filed a patent application on [REDACTED] with the above company. I have paid them over \$10,000 and have not received a patent. On [REDACTED] I received a letter from them saying my patent application was reviewed and denied. They then proceeded to file an amendment. On [REDACTED] I received another letter from them saying the amendment arguments were not successful and they are giving me a few options:

- 1) Quit and never re-file for this patent again
- 2) Appeal the examiners decision again for a fee of \$2,500
- 3) Continue in part for a fee of \$860 and change my idea from a utility patent to a design patent.
- 4) Continue in part with another utility patent.

To me this seems like a scam. The only option would be #1. Option 2 would have me pay this company an additional \$2,500. If the examiner denied it 2 times already with an appeal, I doubt it would be approved a third time. Option 2 would no longer be considered my idea because my patent had nothing to do with design. And option 4 would be the same exact thing as I filed for now.

I sent Mr. Gugliotta a letter for demand for money, but <sup>he</sup> will not pay up. I don't have a patent, so why should they keep my money! If I received my patent then they are entitled to it, but that is not going to happen so I would like help in trying to get the money I am entitled to.

The following is a list of money I have given them:

2/98: \$700	Patent search
3/98: \$3,000	1st payment to Society of American Inventors
4/98: \$3,000	2nd "
5/98: \$2,986.25	3rd "
8/98: \$395	Patent Application/Filing Fee

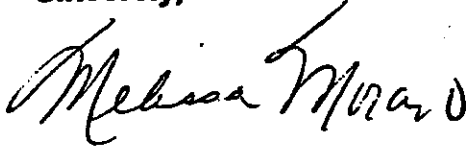
**TOTAL: \$10,081.25**

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**I feel this company has done me wrong and I would like your assistance in whichever way you can. I found this company on the internet and I would like to make everyone aware of this so they don't get scammed.**

**Thanks in advance for your help.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Morano". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

**Melissa Morano**

**P.S. The following article is about a \$60 million invention promotion scam. The underlined sections beginning on pg. 3, are the same things my invention company told me.**