



Checking the NAPP forums for expert advice.

NAPP Advantage

	NAPP	AIPLA	IIPLA	RegIP	BarIP	IPO
Affordable	YES!	~5yr	YES	YES	NO	NO
Collegial	YES!	NO	YES	?	?	NO
Mentoring w/o fear	YES!	?	NO	NO	NO	NO
Agents fully accepted	YES!	YES	YES	?	NO	NO
Prosecution Centered	YES!	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

AIPLA: American Intellectual Property Law Association
 IIPLA: International Intellectual Property Law Association
 RegIP: IP assoc. affiliated with a given school, city, or region,
 e.g., CAILAW.org/ILT, HIPLA.org, OCIPLA.org
 BarIP: IP section of American Bar Association or a State Bar
 IPO: Intellectual Property Owner's Association

- NAPP's dues are \$200/yr, making it one of the most affordable professional society memberships for a patent practitioner.
- NAPP's members are extremely supportive of each other, acting like your colleague down the hall to share templates, practice tips, and discuss finer points of patent law.
- NAPP was founded by patent agents and they continue to be held in high esteem.
- The shared experiences and mutual respect of NAPP's members eliminates the fear often associated with mentoring.

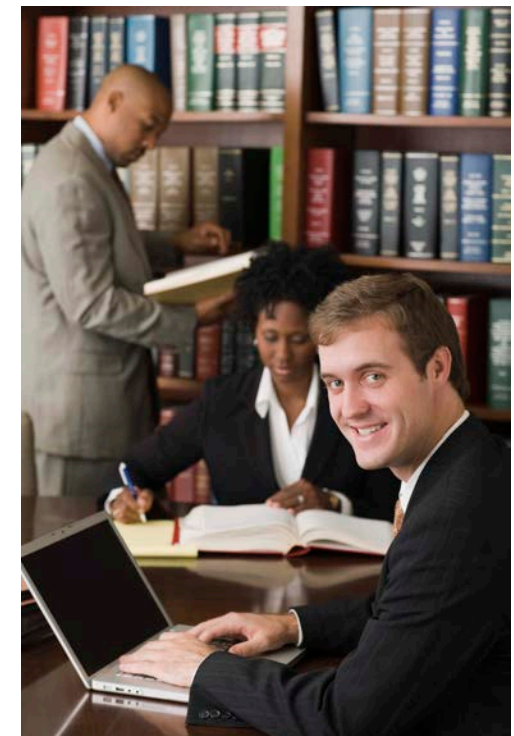
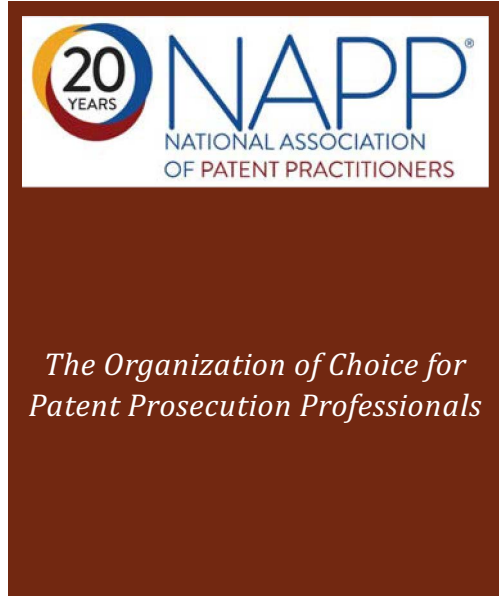


About Us

National Association of Patent Practitioners is a nonprofit trade association that fosters the professional development of USPTO-registered patent agents and attorneys specializing in patent application drafting and prosecution.

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NAPP in a Nutshell:

NAPP provides networking, education, collegial exchange, member benefits, and a collective voice in the larger IP community. Our tight focus on patent prosecution practice provides our members a crucial edge in a field that has become increasingly commoditized and competitive, enabling our members to boost their value to their clients while achieving the highest competence & professionalism levels.

NAPP Knows Prosecution

Other Intellectual Property organizations do too much, covering copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, unfair competition, litigation, licensing. Many, if not most, of their members do not regularly practice patent prosecution.

World Class Expertise in Action

NAPP offers a *Patent Forum* for patent practice issues and a *General Forum* for other topics including business-related issues of particular interest to managing a solo or small patent practice. The forums are perfect for observing (and participating in) debates on questions particularly relevant to you by practitioners of all skill levels, including world-class experts having decades of experience. You'll develop an appreciation for the profession's evolution, compare contrasting views of subtleties in the law, learn from other's mistakes, and gain the perspective needed to refine your own best practices with confidence.

"NAPP is a wonderful institution ... lots of mentors and no office politics!"

-Pat Costanzo

Member Benefits

Among other exclusive rates and discounted vendor services (including registration of trademarks, drafting services, and invention feasibility analysis), members have access to affordable Liability/Malpractice Insurance, and a free, member-customizable, daily newsfeed of developments in patent law.

Networking & Continuing Education

Every summer NAPP offers an affordable CLE conference that includes three full days of interactive classes and opportunities for face-to-face networking.



Many NAPP members are solo practitioners.

Allies without Overhead

NAPP membership can benefit practitioners at even the largest law firms, but small firm and solo practitioners particularly benefit from access to their virtual "colleagues next door" who act as sounding boards, advisors, and mentors without judgment because, well, we've all been there. (And unlike your real next-door colleagues, we're not angling for that promotion or playing politics to curry favor.) This access requires little more than an internet connection, enabling members to set up a well-connected practice anywhere they like with minimal overhead.

A Collective Voice

Among the various committees available for member participation is *Government Affairs*, which assesses the impact, on our profession and on the patent system as a whole, of proposed patent legislation and rulemaking, of potential outcomes for landmark cases, and of possible improvements to examiner training & patent examination processes. *Government Affairs* then submits comments, prepares Amicus Briefs, and networks with the USPTO leadership on behalf of NAPP's membership.