

Knobbe Martens

COVID-19 Intellectual Property Information

<p>Specific Services Provided</p>	<p>Knobbe Martens is a full-service intellectual property and technology law firm, helping innovators and innovative companies protect their valuable work. Within this framework, we offer services to help maximize the impact of intellectual property and comply with data privacy requirements.</p>
<p>Details and Content</p>	<p>Because the contingencies related to COVID-19 are rapidly changing, we suggest that individuals or companies needing assistance in navigating the crisis with regard to intellectual property portfolios and data privacy contact an attorney for a discussion of next steps that may apply to their situation. Because of the rapidly changing nature of the situation, the information herein may become out of date.</p>
<p>Strategies for Protecting IP on a Reduced Budget</p>	<p>Knobbe Martens attorneys are experienced in protecting intellectual property in challenging environments where financial and other resources are constrained.</p> <p>We can help clients prioritize efforts to protect intellectual property so that as the COVID-19 crisis develops and eventually has been overcome our clients can maintain a strategic advantage. Some strategies for proceeding in such environments are set forth here.</p>
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<p>Links to data information and resources</p>	<p>Patent offices around the world have published information about how their offices are dealing with COVID-19 and whether extensions or other forms of relief may be available to applicants. The notices below are not comprehensive and may not be completely up-to-date. Always consult with your attorney for advice on your particular situation.</p> <p>United States</p> <p>The United States Patent and Trademark Office has published a notice concerning the extension of certain deadlines under certain conditions due to COVID-19.</p>

The [USPTO has indicated](#) that it will waive its standard fee for petitioning to revive abandoned patents and patent applications that are unintentionally abandoned where the applicant / patentee was “personally affected by the Coronavirus outbreak such that they were unable to file a timely reply.” We recommend that affected applicants and patentees contact an attorney to inquire as to whether the waiver may apply to them. Also, the USPTO may provide additional information if contacted at Covid19PatentsRelief@uspto.gov or at 571-272-7704.

Further general updates may be posted at <https://www.uspto.gov/coronavirus>

Other countries are offering modification of procedures. We recommend that affected persons contact an attorney to see if these modifications apply to them. Updates from particular patent offices may be posted at the links listed below.

Australia: <https://www.ipaustralia.gov.au/about-us/news-and-community/news/business-continuity-and-coronavirus-disease-covid-19-outbreak>

Canada: <https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/wr04767.html>

European Patent Office: <https://www.epo.org/news-issues/covid-19.html>.

Japan: https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/news/koho/saigai/covid19_procedures.html.

WIPO / International application (PCT): https://www.wipo.int/portal/en/news/2020/article_0015.html