



How To Draft A Patent Application In 4 Easy Steps

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Samar Shah, our speaker for February 2017, is a registered patent attorney at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, an international law firm ranked among the top 10 patent litigation firms in the U.S. Samar will provide a step-by-step approach for drafting a patent application and discuss common mistakes typically made by first time applicants.

It is extremely difficult to write a patent application that will protect your invention against potential knock-offs and design-arounds. On the other hand, it is becoming increasingly more difficult to obtain a patent if it is not sufficiently distinguishable from prior inventions and publications. An inventor, therefore, must balance the competing needs for a broad disclosure to sufficiently protect the invention on the one hand, and a narrow one for getting the USPTO to issue the patent on the other. In this presentation, Samar will discuss strategies for striking the right balance between a broad and a narrow disclosure. Moreover, Samar will present a four-step approach for identifying, writing and drawing an invention. He will walk the audience through the process of patenting a hypothetical invention to specifically illustrate each of the four steps.

Samar has drafted and prosecuted patents, and has litigated patents in federal district courts. He recently helped a client obtain a \$1 million jury verdict on patent infringement, and helped defeat claims of patent invalidity. Prior to joining Akin Gump in San Antonio, Samar worked at the Silicon Valley offices of Fenwick & West LLP, where he wrote patents for Facebook, Google, and many other early and late stage start-ups. You can learn more about Samar at <https://www.akingump.com/en/lawyers-advisors/samarkumar-k-shah.html> and contact him at skshah@akingump.com.

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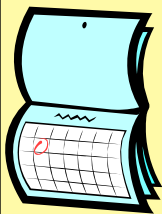
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