

#### PT15 Patent Investigation and Analysis Code Set

The state-of-the-art, patentability, clearance, validity, infringement, and status investigations, and publication watches.

### PT15.10 State-of-the-Art Investigation

Determining the state of the art in a particular area of technology, including definition of the scope and field of the search, searching, analysis of search results, and reporting to client.

### PT15.15 Patentability Investigation

Determining the approximate scope of patent protection that may be available for an invention, including definition of the scope and field of the search, searching, analysis of search results, and reporting to client.

## PT15.20 Clearance Investigation

Determining whether a proposed product or process might be covered by the claims of patents and/or published patent applications, including definition of the scope and field of the search, searching, search field integrity checking, analysis of search results, and reporting to client.

#### PT15.25 Validity Investigation

Determining whether a patent claim is invalid, including defining of the scope and field of search, searching, analyzing search results, and reporting to the client.

#### PT15.30 Publication Watches

Planning, completing, and reporting the results of periodic searches for new publications in connection with a specific assignee, area of technology, patent application, or issued patent.

## PT15.35 Infringement Investigation

Determining which of a client's patent claims may cover a non-client's products or processes, including collecting patent and/or product information, obtaining any product samples, comparing the products to the client's patent claims, and reporting to the client.



Classification: Patent

# PT15.40 Status Investigation

Determining the status of a published or unpublished patent application, or issued patent, including application and/or database review and forwarding report to client.

# PT15.45 Other Patent Investigation and Analysis

Patent investigation and analysis activities that cannot be included under another category.