

## INVENTION DISCLOSURE RECORD

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Patents may be granted in the USA for machines, processes, chemical compositions, articles of manufacture, business methods and ornamental designs. There are a number of conditions for patentability under the United States Patent Laws, including but not limited to the following: (1) the patent application must be filed within one year of any (i) public use, (ii) offer for sale, or (iii) publication of the invention, and (2) the invention must be novel and not obvious to a person of *ordinary skill in the art* or field in view of the *prior* knowledge in the field. If appropriate, HOFBAUER ASSOCIATES can assist you with a search of the records of the United States or Canada Patent Offices to investigate what is known in the field.

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### INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS FORM

1. State your answers as simply as possible.
2. Make sure your answers are complete.
3. You should attach additional sheets, drawings or photographs, as available, to explain your answers.
4. Make sure you sign and date your Invention Disclosure before the disclosure is witnessed by someone who understands your invention.

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**NOTE: U.S., Canadian and foreign Patent Laws are complex, and the above is intended only as a brief introduction.**

1. WHAT IS IT?

State the name or title of your invention.

2. WHAT DOES IT DO?

State the objective of your invention.

3. WHY DID YOU CREATE IT?

State the background of your invention, including any problems with the prior devices or methods and how your invention solves these problems.

4. WHAT IS IT MADE OF

Describe the parts and assembly of the invention, or the various steps involved, if a process.

Include a sketch and attach a drawing or photograph, if available.

5. HOW DOES IT OPERATE?

State the function of the invention.

6. HOW DOES IT DIFFER FROM OTHER KNOWN SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM?

State the relation of your invention to the known devices, methods, etc.

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