

COMPLAINT REGARDING INVENTION PROMOTER

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Name of the Invention Promotion Company: Invention Submission Corporation ("ISC")

Invention Promoter's Address:

Street: 217 Ninth Street
City: Pittsburgh
State: PA
Zip Code: 15222-3506

Complainant's Name: George D. Teague

Complainant's Address:

Street: [REDACTED]
City: [REDACTED]
State: [REDACTED]
Zip Code: [REDACTED]

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Exemption 6, FOIA
5 USC 552(b)(6)

Customer's Name: George D. Teague

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Name of mass media invention promoter advertised in: (i.e., TV, Radio, Newspaper, Magazine, Other) - Television and magazine

Invention promotion services offered to be performed:

ISC offered to market an invention of Mr. George D. Teague for a [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ISC purported to provide marketing assistance for his invention. ISC advised Mr. Teague that a utility patent would protect him in a manner intended by Mr. Teague and advised that the same would be filed per discussions with Mr. John Steinmetz. To this end ISC engaged a Thomas Frost, patent attorney, to provide a patentability opinion.

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Exemption 3, FOIA
5 USC 552(b)(3)

Explanation of complaint between customer and invention promoter:

Mr. George D. Teague of [REDACTED] recently consulted with me regarding his invention in "Afford-A-Boat - From a Little Fish." It is asserted by Mr. Teague that ISC was to provide him with representation in protecting the useful aspects of the invention via a utility patent so that no other could compete against him in the market place using his invention.

ISC was to further provide him with marketing assistance for his invention. ISC advised Mr. Teague that a utility patent would protect him in a manner intended by Mr. Teague and advised that the same would be filed per discussions with Mr. John Steinmetz. To this ISC engaged a Thomas Frost to provide a patentability opinion.

ISC thereafter persuaded Mr. Teague to send nearly \$11,000.00 toward this end to market his invention with the understanding ISC would seek to obtain a patent. Shortly after receiving a positive indication of patent availability for Mr. Teague's product, Mr. Teague learned an identical product existed in a magazine "Field & Stream" and that such product is already patented. Mr. Teague contacted Mr. Steinmetz with such information and requested a return of funds. Mr. Steinmetz has not returned any calls to Mr. Teague.

Mr. Teague obtained a third party to conduct a cursory patent search and in less than an hour's search time revealed that Mr. Teague's invention had already been patented by another. It is asserted that ISC knew or should have known that Mr. Teague's product is specifically covered by an existing utility patent and competitive product in the marketplace and the ability to market Mr. Teague's invention was fatally impaired. Further, ISC representation that it would market Mr. Teague's product is illusory, false and deceptive.

It is asserted ISC failed to aid in the proper marketing of his invention. Despite attempts by Mr. Teague to resolve this matter with ISC, ISC has failed to do so. It is further asserted that ISC has failed to comply with its duty under **Chapter 29 of title 35, United States Code, section 297 "Improper and deceptive invention promotion-Inventor Protection."** and Mr. Teague has been injured by ISC's misrepresentations.

Signed: [REDACTED]

Date: 10-13-07

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