

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Industry: General Practice Law
- Location: Boston
- No of employees: 1000

## CHALLENGES

- Sending pre-requests for every cross check with the PTA
- Expedition fee payment for urgent calculations
- Trouble in validating the PTA calculated by the USPTO

## SOLUTION

- Automated PTA calculation via PAIR data
- Reduced the effort required for PTA calculation in high number
- Identified the patents eligible for additional PTA

## PTA WIZARD - A Web-based Solution for Cost-effective and Accurate PTA Calculations

Patent term adjustment (PTA) refers to day-for-day credits to the normal twenty year term of a patent based on delays in prosecution at the USPTO. PTA calculations are technical, complex, and change according to the date of application, allowance, and issue. Close attention is required while calculating the patent term as it can have an impact on licensing, litigation, and collateral value of a patent. Patent owners should not entirely rely on the PTO calculated PTA, particularly for cases that have average pendency, non-standard prosecution history, or significant commercial value. PTA that is double-checked will help to create prompt actions to maximize the patent term.

### Challenges

A multinational law firm based in Boston, has its principal practice in intellectual property, litigation, and other legal areas. Since the firm has a large number of patent holdings, PTA verification was difficult and the time consumed to check each patent was also high.

These were the major plights they faced:

- For every cross check with the PTA, pre-request had to be sent
- For urgent calculations, expedition fee had to be paid
- The firm had trouble validating the PTA calculated by the USPTO

### Solution

PTA WIZARD, a cloud-based do-it-yourself interactive tool by MaxVal gave the firm an edge and helped them manage their work efficiently. Incorrect calculations done by the USPTO were identified, which in turn helped them file petitions to prolong the term of the patents.

## RESULTS

- Accurate PTA for all the events in prosecution
- Comparison reports on PTA Wizard vs. PTO's calculations
- Up-to-date with PTO rules
- Step by step process to understand the PTA calculations

The overall areas addressed by the tool were :

- Automated PTA calculation based on the latest PAIR data
- Simplifying the process of data editing and calculation
- Identifying the patents eligible for additional PTA
- Reducing the effort required for calculating PTA in high numbers

### Results

MaxVal's PTA WIZARD helped make changes to the data and identify the errors in calculating PTA. It became easier to view all the data pertaining to a patent and identify its use to calculate PTA. More importantly, it saved time on manual information gathering and calculation of patent term.

The tool was helpful in :

- Reviewing all the events in prosecution to determine the correct PTA
- Generating comparison reports on PTA Wizard vs. PTO's calculations
- Keeping up to date with PTO rules
- Understanding how the PTA is calculated in a step by step manner

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