

SOFTWARE PATENT LIFECYCLE COST ESTIMATOR

PATENT / INVENTION TITLE	
LEAD INVENTOR / ENTITY	
ESTIMATED FILING DATE	
TARGET JURISDICTION(S)	

Phase 1: Pre-Filing & Strategy

Prior Art Search & Patentability Opinion			
Patent Landscape & White Space Analysis			

Phase 2: Drafting & Preparation

Specification & Software Architecture Flowcharting			
Claims Drafting (Independent & Dependent)			
Formal Drawings / User Interface Mockups			

Phase 3: Filing & Initiation

Provisional Patent Application Filing			
Non-Provisional Application Filing (utility)			
PCT / International Filing (if applicable)			

Phase 4: Prosecution (Office Actions)

First Office Action Response (e.g., Section 101/Alice Rejection)			
Subsequent Office Action Responses			

Examiner Interview (Preparation & Attendance)

Phase 5: Grant & Issuance

Issue Fee & Publication Fee

Phase 6: Post-Grant Maintenance (Years 1-20)

Maintenance Fee - Year 3.5

Maintenance Fee - Year 7.5

Maintenance Fee - Year 11.5

ESTIMATED LIFECYCLE TOTALS

Notes & Strategic Considerations