



# Patent Infringement

Jeff Haendler  
Klarquist Sparkman LLP  
jeff.haendler@klarquist.com  
503.595.5300 | klarquist.com

## Klarquist

**Q** I'm a small business owner. Last week we received a letter saying that our company infringes a patent. The letter says that we need to pay \$2500 within the next 10 days or we'll be sued. What should I do?

**A** Don't be bullied. Demand letters like this have become far too common. And while a new Oregon law prohibits a person from sending a letter alleging patent infringement in "bad faith," the problem continues. Contact an attorney who practices in this area to determine your rights and obligations, and if the demand truly seems to have been made in bad faith as part of a shakedown effort, consider contacting the Attorney General's office.

---