Intellectual Property Basics: Resources to Support an IP Practice
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I.   Patent Research Databases

Delphion: http://www.delphion.com/
Patent research and analysis offering with more than 40 million documents. Quick searching within the patent collections and functionality to save, manage and organize your patent research.
Pros: Easy to use for the non-experienced searcher; pay-per-use subscription; cost
Cons: No Derwent/DWPI family coverage; not designed for experienced patent searchers

Lexis TotalPatent: http://www.lexisnexis.com/en-us/products/total-patent.page
Research and analyze patent data and protect intellectual property with a large collection of searchable full-text and bibliographic patent databases, including images, citations, legal status, and patent family collections.
Pros: Integration with CourtLink; robust content, including large collection of full text English machine translations; pay-as-you-go access available
Cons: Cost; no Derwent/DWPI family coverage

Minesoft's PatBase: http://www.minesoft.com/
A searchable patent database covering over 45 million patent families, with historical information dating back to the early 1900s. Integrates with publically available data facilitating a comprehensive database.
Pros: Machine translations; easy-to-use interface; collaborative features; volume subscription discounts
Cons: No Derwent/DWPI family coverage; full text machine translation collection lags behind some competitors and is less emphasized; records based on extended patent families can confuse new searchers and dilute results sets with noise

ProQuest Dialog: http://www.dialog.com/proquestdialog/
Specializing in professional content and workflow solutions for pharmaceutical, engineering and patent research. Enables searchers to discover new concepts and ideas while staying current on industry trends and competitors.
Pros: Can be accessed pay-as-you-go; new and updated interface; comprehensive content, now including patents
Cons: New interface; cost

Questel-Orbit: http://www.questel.com/
Offers a wide array of tools for searching, mapping, watching, archiving and sharing patent information, as well as analyzing and managing IP portfolios. Covers 95 patent authorities, includes English translations and links to US litigation data.
Pros: New features consistently added; searches US patent litigation data; large collection of full text English machine translations; patent family organization makes searching more efficient
Cons: No Derwent/DWPI family coverage; help materials inconsistently updated; non-intuitive search menus

STN from CAS: http://www.stn-international.de/stn_glance.html?&L=%22
Platform that integrates individual value-add files including patent, science, technology and medical databases. Different search interfaces offered based on level of searcher's experience.
Pros: Derwent/DWPI family coverage; new interface coming soon; comprehensive content; expensive
Cons: Difficult to search value-added databases; only command-line searching available

Thomson Innovation: http://info.thomsoninnovation.com/en
Integrated patent database providing research and analysis capabilities of over 30 million worldwide patent and published application records. Features also include citation mapping, data landscaping and collaboration, exporting and reporting tools. Ability to search and retrieve patents.
Pros: Derwent/DWPI family coverage; collaborative features; simple and advanced searching options; machine translations
Cons: Cost; glitchy interface (built on pop-ups, not compatible with current browsers)

BloombergLaw: http://www.bloomberglaw.com
Offers a one-stop resource for patent research and litigation information. Contains BNA IP Library, including the USPQ, *Patent Copyright and Trademark Journal* (and Daily), *World Intellectual Property Report*, also the BNA Treatises. Additionally, allows docket searching by US Patent number, and provides a searchable patent and assignment database. Also has the law and regulatory coverage.
Pros: Great coverage for U.S patents and for the "I need one place to do it all" people, this is it. Easy search interface and has email and download options.
Cons: Very limited non-US patent content.

LexisNexis CourtLink: http://www.lexisnexis.com/en-us/products/courtlink-for-corporate-or-professionals.page
Easily search and retrieve dockets and docket items for U.S. federal and state litigation. Easily search across multiple jurisdictions in one search.
Pros: New case alerts can be sent on an hourly basis; bulk download docket items; mobile app available
Cons: No foreign litigation information; includes full text of over 168 million federal and state dockets; patent litigation doesn't search amended complaints

Docket Navigator: https://www.docketnavigator.com/entry/home
Set of powerful research and reporting tools for high stakes litigation in the U.S. Built and operated by seasoned litigators, Docket Navigator tracks significant events in patent infringement cases in U.S. district courts and the ITC. Covers PTAB cases.
Pros: Cost effective; easy to use and manage; alerts; frequently adds new content and functionality
Cons: Limited to patent cases (no trademark or copyright)

Lex Machina: https://lexmachina.com/
Obtain critical patent litigation data for executive decision making, IP diligence, board presentations, client pitches and legal research. Can help with finding example motions/pleadings, competitive intelligence and judicial profiling.
Pros: Visualizations; new enhanced interface in development
Cons: Limited to patent cases (no trademark or copyright); expensive; limited export functionality

III. <u>**Litigation Monitoring Resources**</u>

BloombergLaw: http://www.bloomberglaw.com
Breaking complaints available for selected courts.

Courthouse News Service: http://www.courthousenews.com/
Daily litigation reports that include coverage of all new civil complaints within a specific jurisdiction.

Docket Navigator:
https://www.docketnavigator.com/entry/index.php?page=alertTourContinuation
Docket Navigator tracks significant events in patent infringement cases in U.S. district courts, the PTAB and the ITC. Daily email available.

LexisNexis CourtLink: http://www.lexisnexis.com/en-us/products/courtlink-for-corporate-or-professionals.page
Numerous delivery options available and large number of courts covered.

MaxVal: http://www.maxval.com/litigation-database-services-todaysalert.html
Receive daily email with newly filed patent litigation cases.

PriorSmart: http://news.priorsmart.com/
Receive daily email with newly filed patent litigation cases.

RFC Express: http://www.rfcexpress.com/features-lawsuit-report.asp
Receive the daily Lawsuit Report that summarizes recently filed patent, trademark and copyright cases or search the database for specific case information.

IV.   Patent & Trademark Office Websites

European Patent Office/Espacenet: http://worldwide.espacenet.com/
"Smart" or advanced or classification searching for EU, US, some Asian and other patents. Also provides legal status, patent family, and abstract or full text document of the patent sought.

German Office of Industrial Property (Deutsches Patent und Markenamt): http://www.dpma.de/
Provides a link that converts the site to English (limited functionality but you can search). DEPATISnet is the database of German Patents and Trademarks and lets you search at beginner level or expert level and in English.

United States Patent and Trademark Office: http://www.uspto.gov
Public access to patent application docket; access patents and search all patents and assignments; can search by inventor, assignee, assignor, patent or publication number as well as other categories. Includes links to relevant laws and regulations. Also under the Trademark tab can search for Trademarks under TESS and also TTAB proceedings under TTABVUE.

Mexico Office of Industrial Property: http://siga.impi.gob.mx/#busqueda
Has a search engine for Patents (back to 1890, applications to 1991) and Trademarks (back to 1873), including full file histories. It is all in Spanish, but with Google translate by your side or your basic high school Spanish memories, you can pull off a search.

Japan's Industrial Property Digital Library: http://www.ipdl.inpit.go.jp/homepg_e.ipdl
Can search their official gazette, search by term or find your patent. Does do machine-read translation, but I would not rely on it. Provides Japanese Trademark database searching is pretty good and images of the mark are rendered in most cases, but unfortunately text rendering does not come across as well.

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore: http://www.epatents.gov.sg/PE/
A big up & coming player on the patent scene, Singapore's IPO office has a patent search engine/database and it's in English. Patent specifications, bibliographic and register information (1937 to present).

WIPO's Directory of Country's IP offices: http://www.wipo.int/directory/en/urls.jsp
Directory for contact information of each country's IP office and a link to their website (if any). So if you lose your country favorites, you can just go to wipo and link out from there.

V.   US IP-related Rules & Regulations

- 15 USC- Commerce & Trade
- 17 USC- Copyrights
- 35 USC- Patents
- 37 CFR- Patent, Trademark & Copyrights
- Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA)
- Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP)
- Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure (TMEP)
- Trademark Trial and Appeals Board Manual of Procedure (TBMP)

VI.   Case Law

- Federal Reporter
- Federal Supplement
- Supreme Court Reporter
- United States Patent Quarterly (BloombergBNA)

VII.   <u>**Secondary Sources**</u>

- BloombergLaw/BloombergBNA
    - *Patent Law and Practice*
    - *Harmon on Patents*
    - *Pharmaceutical Patent Law*
- LexisNexis Matthew Bender
    - *Chisum on Patents*
    - *Gilson on Trademark Protection & Practice*
    - *Landis on the Mechanics of Patent Claim Drafting (PLI)*
    - *Milgrim on Licensing*
    - *Milgrim on Trade Secrets*
    - *Nimmer on Copyright*
    - *Patent Law Digest*
    - *World Trademark Law & Practice*
- Thomson Reuters
    - *Patents/Trademarks/Designs & Utility Models throughout the World*
    - *McCarthy on Trademarks & Unfair Competition*
    - *Patent Damages Law & Practice*
    - *Patry on Copyright*
    - *Unfair Competition and the ITC*
- Wolters Kluwer/Aspen Publishers
    - "Brown Books"/*Manual for the Handling of Applications for Patents, Design & Trademark throughout the World*
    - *Guide to TTAB Practice*
    - *Goldstein on Copyright*

VIII. **Free Web Resources**

http://www.pat2pdf.org/
Straightforward website that will take all US patents numbers and generate the PDF version of the patent. Can do one or can do 20. Each pdf is rendered as a link of the page.

www.patentbuddy.com/
Can search for applications or patents by number, inventor and owner. Can search for attorneys and agents. Site also gives a summary of top patent owners. When you look up a patent it provides additional related and possibly relevant data such as other patents by that owner. Citation statistics to that patent or by that patent. Gives the international classification and who else holds patents in that class. Free website, but does require registration.

www.patentfetcher.com
 Retrieval of patents from national patent office websites (including US, EP) and combines them into single PDF files.

www.patentmarvel.com
 PDFinducer tool allows you to view and download US patents and published patent applications as PDFs. Simply input the US patent number or US publication number and let patentMarvel do the rest. If you would like to create multiple PDF's at one time just separate the numbers with semicolons. Site also has a claim chart generator and claim tree generator. Created by the law firm of Gallagher & Dawsey Co.

www.patentlens.net
Patent Lens is a worldwide, open-access, free full-text patent informatics resource. It serves as the cyberinfrastructure platform for the Initiative for Open Innovation (IOI). It's an initiative of Cambia which is an independent non-profit institute creating new technologies, tools and paradigms to promote change and enable innovation. They have a new Platform in Beta now simply called "The Lens". It has: patent search interface in Chinese, English, Russian and French.
- Full text of PCT applications now searchable in Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Spanish.
- Full text of EPO patents now searchable in English, French and German.
- Search for lapsed, abandoned or expired US Patents.
- Visualize Patent Families with new graphical trees as PDFs.
- Patent Landscapes on Influenza Genes, Rice Genome and Adjuvants now online.
- Protein & DNA Sequence searching of over 80 million sequences from worldwide patent collections. (This may become less useful post-Myriad)

IX.   **Current Awareness**

- [IPLaw360](#)
- [IPO Daily News](#) (only to members)
- [Journal of the Patent, Trademark Office Society (JPTOS)](#)
- [Patent, Trademark & Copyright Journal (PTCJ)](#)
- [Wolters Kluwer IP Law Daily](#)

X.   **Blogs**

- [IPwatchdog.com](#)
- [Patently-O](#)
- [Patinformatics](#)
- [Wall Street Journal Law Blog](#)- broken down by topic (IP, patent, etc.)

XI.   **Miscellaneous Patent Resources**

- [Intellogist](#)- Free patent searching resource and community. Systematic and detailed analysis of patent database search systems and their features.
- [LegalMetric](#)- Offers innovative litigation tools to create reports based on areas of law, district courts and judges with detailed information about outcomes, judicial experience levels, trends, time to termination and more.
- [Process for Obtaining a Utility Patent](#)
- [Understanding "Patentese": A Patent Glossary](#)
- [UNH IPMall-](#) Collection of IP resources/links, including patent, trademark, copyright, licensing information.
- [USPTO Glossary of terms](#)

XII.   **<u>Trademark Research Databases</u>**

Thomson Compumark Saegis: <u>http://trademarks.thomsonreuters.com/home?cid=98</u>
Search trademark registrations, status, and ownership in over 40 countries worldwide. Domain and Pharma-In-Use searching also available.

CT Corsearch: <u>http://www.federalresearch.com/companies-and-products/ctcorsearch</u>
Perform trademark research, analysis, screening and watching on US and international content.

ProQuest Dialog: <u>http://www.dialog.com/proquestdialog/</u>
Can be used for US and international common law trademark searches and setting up a watch.

Domain Tools: <u>http://www.domaintools.com/</u>
Transactional database available for domain name searching, including Whois Lookup and History and Ownership searches.

XIII. **IP Associations**

- AALL PLL-SIS IP Librarians' Caucus
- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
- Copyright Society of the USA
- Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO)
- International Trademark Association (INTA)
- Patent Information Users Group (PIUG)