

**Re: Complaint against the Society of American Inventors
The Law Offices of John D. Gugliotta**

I would like to file a formal complaint against the above company for inventor's fraud. I had filed a patent application on 8/24/98 with the above company. I have paid them over \$10,000 and have not received a patent. On April 18, 2000 I received a letter from them saying my patent application was reviewed and denied. They then proceeded to file an amendment. On Feb. 5, 2001 I received another letter from them saying the amendment arguments were not successful and they are giving me a few options:

- 1) Quit and never re-file for this patent again
- 2) Appeal the examiners decision again for a fee of \$2,500
- 3) Continue in part for a fee of \$860 and change my idea from a utility patent to a design patent.
- 4) Continue in part with another utility patent.

To me this seems like a scam. The only option would be #1. Option 2 would have me pay this company an additional \$2,500. If the examiner denied it 2 times already with an appeal, I doubt it would be approved a third time. Option 2 would no longer be considered my idea because my patent had nothing to do with design. And option 4 would be the same exact thing as I filed for now.

I sent Mr. Gugliotta a letter for demand for money, but ^{he} will not pay up. I don't have a patent, so why should they keep my money! If I received my patent then they are entitled to it, but that is not going to happen so I would like help in trying to get the money I am entitled to.

The following is a list of money I have given them:

2/98: \$700	Patent search
3/98: \$3,000	1st payment to Society of American Inventors
4/98: \$3,000	2nd "
5/98: \$2,986.25	3rd "
8/98: \$395	Patent Application/Filing Fee

TOTAL: \$10,081.25

I feel this company has done me wrong and I would like your assistance in whichever way you can. I found this company on the internet and I would like to make everyone aware of this so they don't get scammed.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Melissa Morano.

Melissa Morano

P.S. The following article is about a \$60 million invention promotion scam. The underlined sections beginning on pg. 3, are the same things my invention company told me.
