

Patents: the Money You Probably Forgot to Make

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Abstract: The talk begins with a definition of a patent, giving some examples. Then I describe the procedure for obtaining a patent, as well as the criteria required for a device, process, method or composition of matter to be worthy of patent protection. I also discuss the role that someone trained as a physicist can play in that procedure, as well as the rights (including financial rewards) that a patent gives to the inventor. Finally, I discuss the steps required to become a patent agent or a patent lawyer.