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Thank you very much for taking the time to read this and for attempting to revise and improve our patent system.

I have been a software entrepreneur for 30+ years and you can Google "Marc Canter" to find out who I am. I even have a Wikipedia page.

My request/comment has to do with the last time I ever thought seriously about applying for a patent. I asked the lawyer "we need to research and find out if something like this exists or has been patented already."

At which point the lawyer says to me "No - we'll do the opposite. I CAN'T research this idea, as I have to sign an affidavit when submitting the application saying that - to the best of my knowledge - this technology does not exist!"

So - that's a big problem. If I can't effectively cull through the patent database and what's pending to see what the prior art is - how will I know if I SHOULD apply for a patent?

- marc canter