Title: USER INTERFACE FOR MANAGING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Abstract: A computer graphical user interface (230) that provides access to information stored on a computer-readable medium that pertains to a selected patent application. In one embodiment the graphical user interface includes at least first, second and third display sections. The first display section (232) displays user selectable file links (240) providing access to correspondence generated from one or more of an inventor client system. An in-house client system or an outside representative client system; the second display section (234) displays a plurality of links (242) providing access to a patent document that was filed in or sent from a patent office and is stored as images on a computer-readable medium; and the third display section (236) displays a plurality of links (244) providing access to a patent file associated with an application program and stored on the computer-readable medium in a format native to said associated application program.
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