

**PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL
ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION**

[Date]

[Client Name]
[Client Address]
[City, State, Zip Code]

Re: Preliminary Freedom to Operate (FTO) Opinion - [Project/Product Name]

Dear [Client Name],

Pursuant to your request, we have conducted a preliminary Freedom to Operate (FTO) analysis regarding your proposed product, [Product Description/Name], in the jurisdiction of [Jurisdiction, e.g., the United States].

1. Scope of Search

Our search was conducted on [Date] using the [Database Name] databases. The search focused on active patents and published patent applications related to [Specific Technical Fields/Keywords]. The search was limited to the following parameters: [List Search Terms/Date Cut-offs].

2. Identification of Relevant Patents

Based on our preliminary review, we identified the following patents/applications of interest:

- **[Patent Number 1]:** [Brief Title]. Independent claims relate to [Summary].
- **[Patent Number 2]:** [Brief Title]. Independent claims relate to [Summary].

3. Preliminary Analysis

[Insert detailed analysis comparing the product features to the claims of the identified patents].
Based on our initial review:

- Regarding [Patent Number 1], your product may lack the element of [Feature], which could support a position of non-infringement.
- Regarding [Patent Number 2], the patent is set to expire on [Date].

4. Preliminary Conclusion

At this stage, we have not identified any "knock-out" patents that clearly prohibit the launch of [Product Name]. However, this opinion is preliminary and based on the limited search criteria defined above.

5. Limitations and Disclaimers

This letter does not guarantee that your product will not infringe upon the intellectual property rights of third parties. Patent searches are subject to inherent limitations, including the 18-month

publication delay for new applications. This opinion is based on the product specifications provided to us on [Date]. Any changes to the product design may void these conclusions.

We recommend a formal, comprehensive FTO study as you move closer to commercialization.

Sincerely,

[Attorney Name]

[Law Firm Name]