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## **Hacking the Patent Code: Patents for Startups**

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This talk serves as a basic introduction to the patenting system for first time or early stage entrepreneurs who are looking to learn more about the special requirements of patenting for a startup versus an established company. Dan Hussain serves as Founder and President of American Patent Agency, a startup patent agency. Dan is an inventor, entrepreneur, and patent agent who comes from a diverse, multicultural background which has inspired his creativity to attack world-wide problems like climate change and global healthcare, as well as assist fellow entrepreneurs who are doing the same. He is himself an inventor on over 20 patents that have been licensed to major companies, and studied Electrical, Biomedical, and Computer Science at MIT, and also studied intellectual property law at Harvard, and is currently doing research in clean energy/synthetic fuels at Carnegie Mellon University. Dan has used his unique background and expertise to assist or co-found startup companies in sectors as diverse as energy, biotech, and software. He helped patent IOT technology for a software startup company started by an MIT professor, and partnered with NASA engineer Dr. Robert Zubrin to co-found Pioneer Energy, whose mission is to bring cheaper and cleaner non-petroleum liquid fuels to market. During this time Dan became more aware of some of the key IP issues facing startups today. This talk addresses the basics of patenting for startup energy companies specifically, how startups can benefit from fast patents via the new Track 1 procedure, and how getting patents issued in less than 12 months from filing can help companies get to market faster.

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Mr. Hussain was educated at MIT in electrical engineering, biomedical engineering, and computer science, and also studied intellectual property law at Harvard and theoretical geophysics at the

University of Cambridge (UK). Dan ultimately graduated with a degree in Electrical and Biomedical Engineering from MIT. Mr. Hussain has worked for NASA, Northwestern, Siemens, and the law firm Frommer, Lawrence, and Haug, LLP, and has been closely involved in the formation of five companies.

Mr. Hussain also won the Siemens Westinghouse National Science Award for engineering excellence, which is awarded to only one team and one individual every year in the entire country. Dan is currently pursuing a PhD part-time in Civil and Environmental Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University.

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