

I am an American inventor. For years, I've used tax returns, taken huge personal risks and deprived my wife and kid of my time due to chasing my inventive dreams. One day in 2010, I filed for a patent based on independent R&D work that I figured was too radical for anyone to ever understand, but it was what I built into a working prototype and it worked.

Little did I expect at the time that my invention for cloud tokenization and application access would become a widespread infringement that I needed to enforce. In 2013, I tried to sell my patents to the infringing parties because I was advised that I couldn't stop anyone. No one was interested in purchasing my patents because by 2013 the U.S. Supreme Court in eBay said that infringers can no longer be stopped for using the invention of others.

So I went the enforcement route to salvage a return on my patented work.

The value of my patents have been gutted by billions of dollars of value due to the PTAB threat, my inability to stop infringers, and even worse, being a patent holder today places you as the villain. In America, if you are an inventor, your children will have their friends tell them that their parents Google your name, and your kid will ask you "what is a patent troll".

I've been building products every day since my patents was granted. I've never purchased a patent. I prosecuted my own patents and won 3 utility patents that would end up covering the biggest products and services in American (and global) history, but...

The threat of the PTAB forced me to accept unconscionable contracts due to the threat of the PTAB and not being able to afford the legal resources to fight, so the handy tool of the PTAB for my infringers coerced me to settle for the value alternative of filing an IPR.

With what little I was able to get I continued to work on new product innovations but no one in America cares about patent rights because it's so easy for large companies to just do what they want and outspend them in court. My new products are offered to companies outside the U.S.

I've survived 13 IPR filings, I own my patents, not an LLC or corporation. I've received a Markman ruling in district court, and my infringers operate like the past IPRs and Markman didn't happen. I will be in an endless war for the rest of the 11 years my patents are in force, with 9 years wasted on waiting and IPR related stay after stay.

I had a dream of building a company and hiring 200 people. For me, this will never happen because the big companies used the PTAB and the U.S. District Court precedents to just steal my technology.

Maybe for my children the U.S. will once again become the land of opportunity my generation was promised where a good idea born in a garage can grow to become world leading entities.

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