

## **Advisory Notice**

### **Changes to Patent Fees under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (upon enactment)**

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818) is currently pending before Congress. Upon enactment, H.R. 4818 will result in certain changes, including:

- Revised patent fees;
- A separate fee for filing a patent, searching a patent, and examining a patent (all of which are due on filing); and
- An additional fee for any patent application whose specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (“application size” fee).

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005, will take effect on the date it is signed by the President. The USPTO anticipates the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005, to be enacted sometime in the near future.

Since the USPTO does not know when the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005 will become law, we suggest that you monitor this site on a regular basis. We will post additional information on this site as soon as possible after enactment of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005. For additional information, please contact the USPTO Contact Center at (703) 308-4357 or (800) 786-9199.