

Access to Legal Services through Sirti IP/BizNet

for technology-based companies



The ability to protect intellectual property and develop crucial business contracts is paramount to the long-term success of early-stage technology companies. Yet, at precisely the time they need it most, startup companies are often unable to afford the necessary legal services to safeguard their hard work and innovative ideas.



Sirti, a Washington State economic development agency focused on accelerating the development and growth of technology companies in the Inland Northwest, identified this gap in legal services and established Sirti IP/Biz Net to help companies successfully 'go the distance.'

Sirti IP/BizNet Developed in partnership with Gonzaga University School of Law and local law firms in 2007, the Sirti IP/BizNet program has allowed Sirti clients to receive the crucial legal services they need for successful formation, intellectual property protection, and long-term success. The first service of its kind in the Northwest, Sirti IP/BizNet is a unique partnership that blends the specialized knowledge of a respected national law school, internationally renowned local law firms and a technology-focused state business accelerator.



Intellectual Property Protection services are performed by Gonzaga University law students with supervision and final review by expert attorneys. Business Contracts are completed by students and reviewed by a veteran attorney hired by the Gonzaga University School of Law. Sirti facilitates these vital services for startups at low- or no-cost, depending upon company revenue, scope of services, and /or investment capital.

Sirti IP/BizNet Legal Services:

Intellectual Property Protection

- Patent Applications
- IP Law
- Trademarks
- Copyrights

Business Contracts

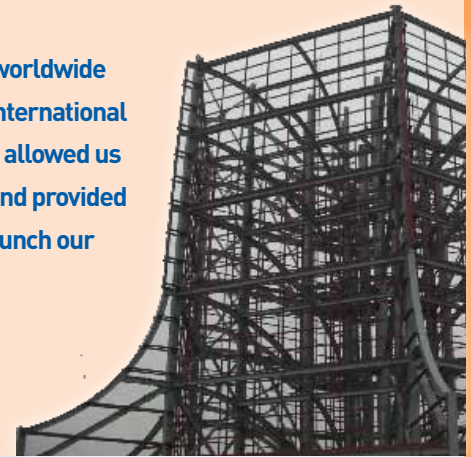
- Incorporations
- Non-Disclosure Agreements
- Licensing
- Employment Agreements





“Sirti’s IP/Biz Net program helped us secure worldwide patent rights and is now helping us form an international corporation. This crucial legal assistance has allowed us to move forward with product development and provided a solid corporate foundation upon which to launch our technology to global markets in 2010.”

Bob Black, COO, Wind Tower Energy



How Can I Learn More About Sirti IP/BizNet?

Call 509-358-2000. We are eager to personally hear about your company and to help you determine if Sirti IP/BizNet is right for you. If so, we will help you proceed with a formal application.

“It’s rare to find a program that rewards every participant so significantly. Students come away with real world experience and make valuable connections; law firms work with potential clients and up-and-coming talent, and startup companies receive legal services that position them for long term success. Sirti IP/BizNet is a proven asset to our regional education system and business community.”

Lewis Lee, Patent Attorney / Founding Partner, Lee & Hayes

How Can Sirti Help My Company?

Historically, many ideas and technology companies have failed to go the distance and emerge as viable companies posting profits and returns to their investors. Access to legal services is often identified as a key factor. In our role as accelerators of innovation, Sirti has helped companies change that outcome. Sirti is advancing commercial success through focus on entrepreneurial coaching, delivering the appropriate mix of consulting services, and providing access to capital and legal services to both on-campus and off-campus clients in the Inland Northwest.

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