

SUMMARIES

EXCEPTION OF THE EXCEPTION, OR HOW CAN AN INVENTION BASED ON NATURAL LAW BE PATENTED IN THE UNITED STATES TODAY?

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This paper examines the current trend in the protection of in vitro diagnostics, a narrow area of patent law, in the United States. It analyses the US courts' reasoning on the so-called laws of nature exceptions and the most important court decisions in this context, and examines how the patent filing trends of the biotechnology industry have evolved in the light of these decisions. It also examines how the often changing US law enforcement perspective has triggered reactions from some experts in biotechnology and the US patent system, and the extent to which some in vitro diagnostics companies have tried to adapt to the ever changing situation. The paper also gives examples of inventions that have been patented in the United States in the last few years despite being based on laws of nature.

THE ROLE OF COMPULSION. THE HISTORY OF PUBLIC HEALTH COMPULSORY LICENCE AS A LEGAL INSTITUTION, ITS REGULATION AND TIMELINESS IN PATENT LEGISLATION – PART II.

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The goal of the study is to examine the types, functions and regulation of compulsory licences. In the second part of it several foreign examples using this legal device are enumerated, mainly in connection with COVID-19 epidemic, with special regard to the situation and measures in Hungary, and with focus on the changes in legal regulations. The article is closed with a comprehensive bibliography on the topic.