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Banking

Two Canadian banks maintain offices in the territory: the Bank of Nova Scotia in Cleveland, and the Toronto-Dominion Bank in Pittsburgh. Representatives of other Canadian banks service the region regularly. *For the addresses of those and local U.S. banks, please refer to section VIII.*

Patents, Trademarks and Copyrights

General

An informative booklet entitled *General Information Concerning Patents* is available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20302.

Patents

All business with the Patent Office should be transacted in writing. Letters must be addressed to the Commissioner of Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

U.S. patent laws do not discriminate against the citizenship of an inventor. With certain exceptions, it is the inventor who must make application for a patent and sign the required documents.

Most inventors employ the services of patent attorneys or patent agents. Although the U.S. Patent Office cannot recommend a particular attorney or agent, it publishes a list of all registered patent attorneys and agents who are willing to accept new clients and lists them by state or province, city and country.

Trademarks

A trademark relates to the name or symbol used to indicate the source or origin of products. Trademark rights prevent others from using the same trademark on identical products but do not prevent others from making them without the trademark.

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