

WISCONSIN ALUMNI RESEARCH FOUNDATION

POST OFFICE BOX 7365

MADISON, WIS. 53707

TELEPHONE (608) 263-2500

December 17, 1979

263-2831

Mr. Frank P. Cihlar
Office for Improvements in the
Administration of Justice
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Cihlar:

Thank you for your letter of November 26 and the copy of S. 1477 along with the attendant materials. I have reviewed the Bill and the materials and have talked with several others about it. Although, as with any other type of legislation, there are some reservations about certain details in the Bill, I do not believe that such reservations are sufficiently substantive that the university sector would raise any serious objections to the Bill. The primary thrust of Title III of the Bill we read as being beneficial and, at least, as establishing some uniformity for judicial review. This should, after passage, mitigate against forum shopping where patent legislation is involved - a result which I feel would be in the best interests of those utilizing the patent system.

I will plan to pass these materials along to other people within the university sector for additional review and comment and should anything further develop will be in touch with you again. Thank you for calling these matters to my attention and for the opportunity to comment.

Very truly yours,

Howard W. Bremer
Patent Counsel

HWB:rw