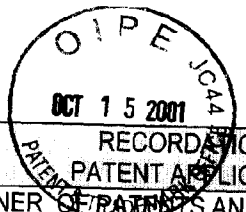


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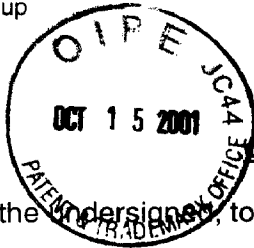
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(hereinafter collectively ASSIGNOR), has/have made an invention known as Dkt. 274247

and entitled: MULTIPLE PERIPHERAL CONNECTION DEVICE FOR CONNECTING MULTIPLE PERIPHERAL DEVICES TO A HOST DEVICE

for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States

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AND WHEREAS FELLOWES, INC.

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desires to acquire an interest therein;

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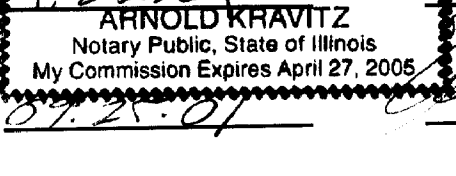
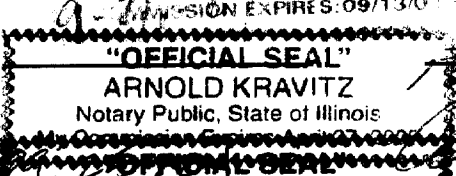
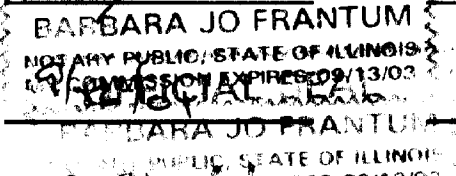
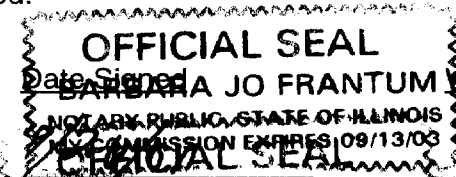
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