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- (a)  U.S. patent application executed on even date herewith
- (b)  U.S. patent application executed on \_\_\_\_\_
- (c)  International Application No. PCT/US02/31299 on 01 October 2002.
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ASSIGNOR hereby grants ASSIGNEE and Assignee's attorneys the power to insert the Serial No. and/or filing date of the above-described application(s) after such information becomes known to them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and seal.

INVENTORS:

Frank J. Viola  
Frank J. Viola

Dated: 10/15/03

State of Connecticut )  
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Before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER 2003,  
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