

# PATENT ASSIGNMENT

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## ASSIGNMENT

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned inventor(s) (hereinafter singly and collectively, "ASSIGNOR") of the addresses indicated below, have invented subject matter disclosed in the patent application entitled "VISUAL IMAGING SYSTEM FOR ULTRASONIC PROBE" that was filed on October 30, 2006, and assigned U.S. Serial No. 11/554,272.

**AND WHEREAS**, Ardent Sound, Inc. (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Arizona having its principal place of business at and a mailing address of 33 South Sycamore Street, Mesa, Arizona 85202-1105, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

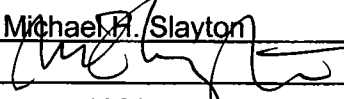
**NOW, THEREFORE**, the undersigned ASSIGNOR hereby confirms that ASSIGNOR is a full time salaried employee, past employee or a contractor of ASSIGNEE and that ASSIGNOR developed the subject matter of the invention on ASSIGNEE's time and at the expense of ASSIGNEE and within the scope of ASSIGNOR's duties to ASSIGNEE and thereby ASSIGNOR recognizes that the ASSIGNEE owns the invention as described in the aforesaid application. Nonetheless to comport with Patent Office procedures, ASSIGNOR memorializes that relationship in the form of this assignment and;

**THEREFORE**, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right to the invention, as described in the aforesaid application, including patent, copyright and any other intellectual property rights, any provisional, non-provisional, continuation, continuation in part, divisional, reissue, reexamination, foreign, PCT or other patent application or like document, or any other application which claims priority to said application, in the United States and all foreign countries, together with the right of priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Inter-American Convention Relating to Patents, Designs and Industrial Models, and any other international agreements to which the United States adheres, and hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE, for the sole use and benefit of ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives,

**AND HEREBY AGREES** to transfer to ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, without further remuneration, a like interest in and to any improvements and derivative works, and applications based thereon, growing out of or relating to the invention; and to provide all reasonable assistance and execute any papers, if accurate, desired by ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, to preserve, acquire and/or perfect ASSIGNEE's full protection and title in and to the invention and any improvements and to file any of the aforementioned applications.

**AGREEING FURTHERMORE**, upon the request of ASSIGNEE, and without further remuneration, to execute any and all papers desired by ASSIGNEE for the filing and granting of any formal applications based on the invention or Application, or improvements therein, and the perfecting of title thereto in ASSIGNEE.

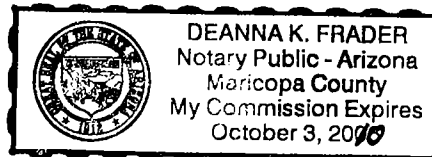
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STATE OF Arizona  
COUNTY OF Maricopa

On this day, Jan 24, 2007, before me, Deanna K Frader, a notary public in and for said county, personally Michael H. Slayton, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal:

Deanna K Frader  
Signature of Notary Public



Second inventor: Peter G. Barthe

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 23 January 2007

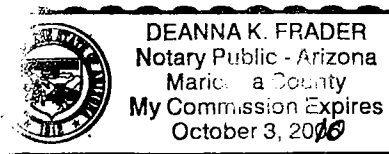
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On this day, Jan 23, 2007, before me, Deanna K Frader, a notary public in and for said county, personally Peter G. Barthe, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal:

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