



Plant Patents

Are you in the agriculture, horticulture, or even landscaping business? Did you know that patent law might open a path to new opportunities and profits you might never have imagined?

A plant patent protects new varieties of plants. It can cover anything from alfalfa to wheatgrass.

Beyond those general points, the topic can get incredibly complicated.

Our plant patent services are on the cutting edge.

You might have a basic idea of what a patent is. Here you can explore the subject in more detail.

A plant patent takes the legal concept of patents and applies it to things that grow from the soil, things we eat, things we use for ornamentation, and things that improve our health.

Olive & Olive helps clients procure plant patents to protect new plant varieties propagated asexually. And we help clients obtain plant variety protection (PVP) certificates to protect sexually reproduced new, distinct, and stable plant varieties.

Plant patents and plant variety protection (PVP) certificates.

Examples of inventions that can be covered by a **plant patent** include:

- Cultigens

- Mutant species
- Hybrid species
- Newly found seedlings not derived from a tuber-propagated plant or wild plant

A plant patent excludes others from plant reproduction by use of cuttings, tissue culture or any asexual means.

Examples of inventions that can be covered by a **plant variety protection (PVP) certificate** include:

- Alfalfa
- Asparagus
- Beans
- Buckwheat
- Cabbage
- Carrot
- Cotton
- Eggplant
- Flax
- Lentil
- Lettuce
- Mushroom
- Oat
- Onion
- Peanut
- Pepper
- Potato
- Pumpkin
- Rice
- Sunflower
- Sage
- Sesame
- Soybean
- Spinach
- Squash
- Tobacco
- Tomato
- Wheat
- Wheatgrass

We work with nurseries, farmers, and botanists who develop new varieties, and we also provide guidance on how to avoid infringing someone else's plant patents.

Plants and your business both require TLC.

To grow and thrive, plants need expert care and attention. Your business – including your ideas and inventions – needs the same thing.

Join the many growers, scientists, horticulturists and academic researchers who have taken advantage of Olive & Olive's 60 years of intellectual property law experience. See what our plant patent attorneys can do for you today.