

Do You Speak Patentese?

(chatting with patent counsel
and succeeding)

Why are Manuscripts and Patents Different?

Manuscript
Educates Peers



Patent
Defines Property Lines



- **Description of Related Art**

- The Big Problem

- **Summary of the Invention**

- Describes the property (the neighborhood)

- **Detailed Description**

- Discussion in manuscript (this house)

- **Examples**

- M & M; results (photos and room dimensions)

- **Claims**

- The property lines (official surveyor's lines)

- Yes, but it won't work very well ...
- Yes, you could do that but ...
- I haven't absolutely proven all possibilities ...
- It's worth a GAZILLION dollars!
- This whole patent thing really stifles research.

Innovation without Protection is Philanthropy

– Kevin Rivette, former VP of IP strategy for I.B.M.