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The only way to improve patent quality and volume of quality patents is to ensure the correct inventor is credited and paid for his creations. An inventor would have to be stupid to create in our present system with 30 or 40 methods of stealing patents from inventors by NPEs, that's non-paying entities. The areas to focus on by the patent office should be halting startups when there are two patents filed covering the same subject matter avoiding a 15 year lawsuit that the applicant can't even afford to file and refusing to award patents to other than the inventor in lack of funds to proceed instances. Also allowing patents to become inactive from prosecution for up to 20 years will combine to force NPEs to negotiate fairly with inventors instead of waiting them out to see if they can steal the intellectual property legally.

Another method of improving quality patent volume is to recognize the marketability of a select group of patents and promote business to invest in the patents to promote the inventors continued interest in producing marketable patents. The patent office needs to strengthen their authority to protect inventors against intimidation from bandit companies using contact surrogates and paying them to become theft partners stealing inventions from inventors.

Sincerely,
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