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RE: CONFIDENTIALITY OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN CLIENTS AND PATENT ADVISORS

In reply to your questions concerning national and regional practices on the topic of Confidentiality of Communications between Clients and their Patent Advisors the answers are as follows:

- Activity of patent advisors (patent attorneys) is regulated by the Regulation of Patent Attorneys, approved by the Order of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania No. 362 of May 20, 1992. This Regulation does not provide for any rules regarding confidentiality of communications between clients and patent attorneys. However, if patent attorney is also an advocate, communications may be subject to confidentiality regulations under the Art. 46 ("Guarantees of the Advocate's Activities") of the Law on the Bar of 18 May, 2004 (No. IX-2066).
- The SPB does not have any information regarding problems in relation to cross-border aspects of confidentiality of communications between clients and patent advisors.
- There are no special remedies for solving problems in relation to confidentiality of communications between clients and their patent attorneys at the national level.

Yours sincerely,

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