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Transfer of Technology:

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The issue of confidentiality of communications between patent advisors and their clients is dealt with in the following national legal instruments:

Act No. 586/2003 Coll. dated 4 December 2003 on the Legal Profession as amended (§23 Rights and Obligations) and

Act No. 344/2004 Coll. on Patent Representatives as amended (§18 Rights and Obligations)