

## BELARUS

### **National aspects**

The general rules under the Belarusian legislation concerning duties of patent attorneys address the issue in terms of responsibilities and protection of professional secrecy. These rules are provided in the Statute of Patent Attorneys of the Republic of Belarus of December, 23, 2008, which was adopted in accordance with the Belarusian Patent Law. According to paragraph 7 of Chapter 2 of the Statute: “the information that a patent attorney receives from the principal in connection with the performance of his/her assignment is acknowledged as confidential, unless otherwise specified by the principal”. According to paragraph 8 of the mentioned Chapter 2 “a patent attorney is obliged to comply with the requirements of this Statute, other legislation relating to the activity of a patent attorney, as well as the rules of professional ethics”. According to paragraph 9 of the said Chapter of the Statute the breach of the above-mentioned rules will cause the suspension of his/her right to practice as a patent attorney.

### **Cross-border aspects**

The legislation of the Republic of Belarus does not provide rules dealing with cross-border aspects of confidentiality of communications between clients and patent attorneys.