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## General Comment

Comments to Requirement of U.S. Licensed Attorney for Foreign Trademark Applicants and Registrants:

The suggestion is in fact a step back in history and can today only be seen in some Arabic, South American or Eastern Europe countries.

It is well noted that intellectual property attorneys in the major part of the world are locally and regionally certified to act on the behalf of the clients. One example is EU trademark and Design Attorneys.

The suggestion is an unnecessary middleman for applicants and increases the costs.

United States can lose the applicants and business as well.

The applicants usually prefer to file in the countries where it is cheap and easy to proceed.

Well, if the United States nowadays is not interested in foreign business in their country, and USPTO is not interested in foreign applicants, then it is better just not to allow foreign companies to apply for IP protection in the United States.

It is a real pity that such suggestions appear in the United States and take the country back to the last century.