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I strongly support the proposed change that would require trademark applicants who do not reside in the U.S.A. to be represented by a U.S. Attorney.

There are numerous instances where unqualified individuals and firms in other countries file and prosecute trademark applications acting as the trademark owner. I, as a U.S.A. attorney make sure that information presented to the USPTO is proper and true while these other unqualified foreign firms acting as trademark applicants may not be and are not as forthcoming with the USPTO. This affects the integrity of the Trademark system in the U.S.A.

In view of the above, the proposed change is necessary and in my opinion should be implemented as soon as possible.

Furthermore, I would also suggest the USPTO to set up a secure system for filing and prosecuting trademark applications, for example like the Private PAIR for patent applications.

Regards

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