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To Whom It May Concern,

As a practitioner with clients in over 70 countries and over 3,500 marks (over 2,200 live) to my credit, I am in full support of this requirement.

Our neighbors to the North have this requirement and it seems to serve their public interest well along with their IPO's integrity.

I am in full support that any attorney representing a client before the USPTO for trademarks should have to prove they are a registered attorney with their state bar.

I would also like to further suggest that the USPTO consider having a secondary bar certification, as is required for patent attorneys, in order for an attorney to provide trademark representation. All too often, I am asked to clean up after another attorney's work, where it became clear that the original attorney had little idea of what they were doing. While this will not fully alleviate incompetency, it will go a long way in insuring that practitioners have understanding of the practice. I know this is not on the docket at current, but I would like to propose it for future consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
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