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General Comment

To Whom It May Concern,

This proposed USPTO rule change pertaining to Trademark cases is interesting to me. I am in favor of the rule change as I feel it is long overdue. I believe that business among U.S. Law Firms would increase drastically. My plan is to attend law school to hopefully become a Trademark Attorney. This would potentially mean that business would be increasing in this field with requests for Trademark filings from foreign clients. We outsource a lot of work to Foreign Associates, and it would be nice to get work from them in return.

I do have a concern though. I hope this doesn't mean that the USPTO would possibly require an addition of a secondary bar certification for U.S. Attorneys, similar to the patent bar. I am an Intellectual Property Paralegal currently and am working to go to law school. I aspire to be a Trademark Attorney. However, I do not have the technical background to be a Patent Attorney. I would not qualify to take the patent bar without a technical degree. That is why I decided that a Trademark Attorney would be the best opportunity for me, as I am very passionate about the IP field. I hope that these changes do not lead to additional requirements for U.S. Attorneys.

I am interested to see how this plays out and if this rule change will occur. I appreciate the opportunity to share my comments about this subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonja Talley