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Subject: Power of Attorney

Dear Sir or Madam:

If there is one thing I would appreciate the USPTO regulating and streamlining is the filing of Powers of Attorney and the USPTO's acknowledgment and acceptance of the power. When I worked for a general practitioner we could not represent a client in court without an executed power of attorney. With the USPTO this form seems to be an half-hearted policy afterthought. Apparently, it seems mostly to be necessary when filing a terminal disclaimer. The acceptance of a power of attorney is sometimes acknowledged by a Notice of Acceptance Form N570. Otherwise, the only acknowledgment is on the filing receipt with the notation that "Power of Attorney: The patent practitioners associated with Customer Number XXXXX." However, the customer number appears to be taken from the Application Data Sheet and not directly from any POA filed, which may or may not have actually been filed or accepted. In order to reduce conflict and contrary practices of resolution such as calling the Application Assistance Unit, which results in different answers depending on who answers the call, may I suggest that the power of attorney be incorporated into the Application Data Sheet. This would reduce additional paperwork and its acknowledgment on the filing receipt should be a qualified form of acceptance. The Form N570 or a corrected filing receipt can be generated in response to corrections to the power when required.

Thank you for your most kind consideration hereto.

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