To: Julian Haffner, Esq.
    YK Law LLP

Cc: Ali Zaman Zaidi, Lyptus Partners
    Maryam Noor, Lyptus Partners
    USPTO Office of Enrollment and Discipline

Via Email: [Redacted]

SPONSORED ACCOUNT SUSPENSION ORDER

Dear Mr. Haffner,

You, and at least two users you are sponsoring on the USPTO.gov system, have violated the Terms of Use for USPTO Websites and USPTO Trademark Verified USPTO.gov Account Agreement. Effective immediately, you are no longer authorized to sponsor attorney support staff accounts on the USPTO.gov system, and all USPTO.gov accounts sponsored by you are hereby suspended, including the accounts registered to Ali Zaman Zaidi and Maryam Noor.

If you wish to respond to this administrative order, you may do so via email to TMPolicy@uspto.gov.

I. Relevant Attorney Sponsorship Requirements

In order to access and file electronic forms and submit trademark documents through the Trademark Electronic Application System ("TEAS"), trademark applicants or their attorneys must register for and use a USPTO.gov account. Use of a USPTO.gov account and any other USPTO website or system requires users to comply with the Terms of Use for USPTO Websites ("Terms of Use"). See https://www.uspto.gov/terms-use-uspto-websites. Further, users who wish to file documents through TEAS must have their identifies verified, and are further bound by the USPTO Trademark Verified USPTO.gov Account Agreement ("Verified Account Agreement"). See https://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/TM-verified-account-agreement.pdf.
Qualified attorneys¹ are permitted to sponsor “a reasonable number of attorney support staff who are directly employed” by the attorney, the attorney’s law firm, or the attorney’s company, so long as the support staff works under the attorney’s supervision. Verified Account Agreement, p.3; accord 37 C.F.R. § 11.5(b). Sponsoring attorneys agree that they “will not attempt to sponsor any other individuals or organizations, including any foreign or domestic company, group, client, agent, attorney or other practitioner.” Id. at p.4. “A sponsored support staff cannot be a foreign or domestic company, group, client, attorney, agent, or other practitioner.” Id. at p.5. Further, sponsoring attorneys acknowledge that they are “personally, professionally, and ethically responsible for the conduct of each [sponsored] support staff when using a sponsored USPTO.gov account.” Id. at 3.

Violations of the Verified Account Agreement or Terms of Use may result in immediate termination, suspension, and/or revocation of all related USPTO.gov accounts, particularly when the accounts are used to make submissions that are unauthorized under the regulations of the USPTO. See Verified Account Agreement, pp.1, 5-6; Terms of Use (“Unauthorized use or actions exceeding authorized use of USPTO systems will be investigated, and, when appropriate, official sanctions will be imposed”).

II. Sponsoree Violations

Lyptus Partners Business Services Pvt. Ltd. (“Lyptus Partners”) is apparently a law firm in Delhi, India, operated under the direction of CEO Rajatpreet Singh Modi. See Exhibit A, Lyptus Partners, LinkedIn (Aug. 26, 2022), http://www.linkedin.com/company/lyptus-partners. However, for purposes of trademark matters before the USPTO, Mr. Modi is not authorized to practice before the USPTO because he does not appear to be a licensed attorney in any U.S. state or jurisdiction. See Exhibit B, Rajatpreet Singh Modi, LinkedIn (Aug. 26, 2022), https://in.linkedin.com/in/rajatpreetsinghmodi. Ali Zaman Zaidi is a partner and Chief Operating Officer of Lyptus Partners, and Maryam Noor is an employee or consultant of the firm; neither appears to be a U.S.-licensed attorney. See Exhibit C, Lyptus Partners, https://www.lyptuspartners.com/team/zaman-zaidi (last visited Aug. 26, 2022); see also Maryam Noor, Impact of Brexit on Patent Law in the UK, Lyptus Partners Blog (Aug. 23, 2022), https://www.lyptuspartners.com/post/impact-of-brexit-on-patent-law-in-the-uk.

Regardless, Mr. Modi and others at his firm hold themselves out as authorized to represent others in trademark matters before the USPTO. In fact, one advertisement by Mr. Modi boldly proclaims that he “will be your US trademark attorney” for as little as $10. See Exhibit D, Advertisement on Fiverr.com, https://www.fiverr.com/rajatpreetsingh/register-a-company-for-you-in-usa (last visited Aug. 29, 2022); see also Exhibit E, Advertisement on Upwork.com, https://www.upwork.com/freelance-jobs/apply/Trademark-Attorney-

¹ Generally, only individuals who are active members in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a U.S. state or jurisdiction may practice before the USPTO in trademark matters on behalf of third-parties. See 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.1, 11.5(b), 11.14(a).
Mr. Modi indicated in an advertisement that he is aware that certain foreign trademark-filing agencies and attorneys have recently been sanctioned by the USPTO for their efforts to circumvent the USPTO Rules of Practice, and that he was seeking an “attorney to take over these 300 applications for [Lyptus Partners].” Exhibit E. Id. He also explained that Lyptus Partners was looking for U.S.-licensed attorneys to “partner with” the firm so that Lyptus Partners could “use [the U.S. attorney’s] details for the attorney section” of applications which Lyptus Partners would draft, file, and “take care of all communications with respect to the applications.” See Exhibit F, Advertisement on Upwork.com, https://www.upwork.com/jobs/~01fe2db01dbad2841 (last visited Aug. 24, 2022).

Accordingly, the USPTO has concluded that Lyptus Partners is a foreign company and its employees are not U.S.-licensed attorneys. They are engaging in the unauthorized practice of law before the USPTO and using your name as the attorney of record in an effort to obfuscate their unauthorized conduct. For this reason, the USPTO is immediately suspending the USPTO.gov accounts registered to Mr. Zaidi and Ms. Noor. See Verified Account Agreement, p.5-6 (stating that the USPTO may immediately terminate, suspend, or revoke a USPTO.gov account where “the account is used to make submissions that the user is not authorized to make under the relevant laws, regulations, or policies of the USPTO”). The USPTO will take appropriate action as additional accounts associated with Lyptus Partners, Mr. Modi, Mr. Zaidi, and Ms. Noor are identified.

### III. Sponsoring Attorney Abuse of Sponsorship Privileges

The evidence available to the USPTO suggests that you are abusing the USPTO.gov sponsorship tool by sponsoring agents of a foreign filing firm. Neither of the users you are sponsoring are support staff under your direct supervision, nor are they employed or retained by you or your law firm. Instead, it appears that you are allowing users to improperly use your attorney credentials in order to aid their unauthorized practice before the Office, which is a violation of both the Verified Account Agreement, see p.2 (indicating that verified accounts “will not be used in connection with the unauthorized practice of law”) and the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct (see 37 C.F.R. § 11.505). An attorney may not “sponsor any other individuals or organizations, including any foreign or domestic company, group, client, agent, attorney or other practitioner.” Verified Account Agreement, p.4. Mr. Zaidi and Ms. Noor are foreign agents or attorneys and you sponsored accounts for them.

The USPTO is therefore revoking your sponsorship privileges. Any support staff account sponsored by you, including those registered to Lyptus Partners’ employees, are suspended indefinitely. You are not permitted to sponsor any additional support staff, and any attempts to do so may result in the newly-sponsored account being terminated and your own account being suspended without further notice.
The matter will be referred to the USPTO Office of Enrollment and Discipline for further consideration of how your conduct, and the conduct imputed to you by the parties you have sponsored, comports with the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct, particularly 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.504 (“Professional independence of a practitioner”), 11.505 (“Unauthorized practice of law”), and 11.804 (“Misconduct”). See also 37 C.F.R. § 11.303 (“Candor toward the tribunal”); Verified Account Agreement, p.4 (noting that sponsoring attorneys are required to provide information about misconduct committed by their sponsorees).

Further, the USPTO will continue to monitor submissions originating from the USPTO.gov account registered to you for any violations of the USPTO Rules of Practice in Trademark Matters, particularly the rules regarding signatures and certifications. See 37 C.F.R. §§ 2.193(a)-(c) and (f); see also 37 C.F.R. § 11.18(b) (incorporated by reference).

IV. Conclusion

No response to this Order is required. If you do respond, the USPTO will consider your response when determining what further actions to take with regard to this matter, including whether to issue additional orders or sanctions. In addition, your response may be shared with the USPTO Office of Enrollment and Discipline or published as part of further proceedings.

This Order is issued without prejudice to the USPTO taking all other appropriate actions to protect its systems and users from the improper activity described herein, including issuing additional orders relating to other applications, or referring conduct to relevant state and federal law enforcement agencies.

So ordered,

Amy P. Cotton
Deputy Commissioner for Trademark Examination Policy
United States Patent & Trademark Office

Exhibits A-F

2 In addition to the Verified Account Agreement and Terms of Use violations described herein, the USPTO has reason to suspect that hundreds of submissions originating from your sponsorees may be in violation of USPTO Rules of Practice in Trademark Matters, including 37 C.F.R. §§ 2.193(a). If so, such violations in furtherance of a scheme to circumvent other USPTO rules may result in serious sanctions. See, e.g., In re Yusha Zhang, 2021 TTAB LEXIS 465, at *13, *35 (Dir. USPTO Dec. 10, 2021) (knowingly submitting false declaration signatures in an effort to circumvent other rules of practice constitutes provision of a material misrepresentation that jeopardizes the validity of the applications).
Exhibit A
Lyptus Partners

Law Practice

New Delhi, Delhi - 110001, IN

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Website

http://www.lyptuspartners.com

About us:

Lyptus Partners carry on the business for all types of services of intellectual property rights like Trademark, Copyright and Related to all type of business entities either Private Limited, Public Limited, Government companies in India or abroad. We have an expertise to carry on the business or vacation to act as a consultants and advisors on all matters related to the technical industries, i.e., administration, finance and organization management, management or expansion of industry merger & acquisition and Company life cycle. We provide all types of legal services including but not limited to drafting of agreements, contracts, memorandum of understanding, or any other contractual documents, commercial or any other commercial legal consultancy documentation and to act as advisors and consultants on all legal matters to any business entities either Private Limited, Public Limited, Government companies, proprietary concerns, partnership firms or any other legal entities in India or abroad. To provide administrative services for rendering disputes between two or more parties including individuals, companies, properties, associates, unions or any other form of legal entities.

Website

http://www.lyptuspartners.com

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New Delhi, Delhi

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Employees at Lyptus Partners

Rajatpreet Singh Modi
Corporate, M&A, IP and Data Privacy Attorney

Shruti Agarwal
Senior Associate, Finance, Whistle, Contract Drafting, M&A, Media and Entertainment Law

Ishita Sachdeva
Communication & Content Strategy

Zaman Zaidi
Corporate & IP Attorney

See all employees

https://www.linkedin.com/company/lyptus-partners
Exhibit B
About

Rajatpreet Singh Modl
Corporate, Media, IP and Data Protection Attorney
South Delhi, Delhi, India
Me Software • Lyptus Partners
See all details

Contact Rajatpreet Singh for services

- Lyptus Partners
- Syngenta Law School, Pune

About

Rajatpreet Singh Modl, lawyer and CEO of Lyptus Partners Business Services Pvt. Ltd. A diligent and enterprising professional with a vast experience in intellectual property and technology. Rajat has a background in law, having graduated from Symbiosis Law School, Pune. He has worked with various firms and companies, gaining extensive experience in the field of intellectual property and technology. Rajat is known for his innovative approach and his ability to navigate complex legal issues. He has represented clients in various jurisdictions, including the US, EU, and other countries. Rajat's law firm, Lyptus Partners, offers a range of services, including intellectual property, technology, and commercial litigation.

Licenses & Certifications

- Project Management: The Basics for Success
  University of California, Los Angeles - Division of Continuing Education
  Issued 2018
  Course ID: 201800001G
  See certification

- Patent Law
  University of Pennsylvania - Counsino
  Issued 2009
  Course ID: 0002608995
  See certification

- Introduction to Marketing
  University of California, Los Angeles - Division of Continuing Education
  Issued 2018
  Course ID: 201800001G
  See certification

- Intellectual Property
  University of Pennsylvania - Counsino
  Issued 2009
  Course ID: 0002608995
  See certification
Rajatpreet Singh's public profile badge

Ex. B - 2
Exhibit C
Rajatpreet Singh Modi
Attorney & CEO

With 5+ years of experience representing entrepreneurs, start-ups, and businesses worldwide, he has extensive experience in commercial, industry, and intellectual property services. A man of solid character, principles and possesses impeccable ethics and integrity.

Zaman Zaidi
Attorney & COO

With 3+ years of experience working for multinationals in their Contract Management lifecycle and Intellectual Property teams, Zaman brings corporate acumen to Lyptus Partners. He makes sure that the work gets done on time and all client queries are resolved diligently. Clients love him.

Ex. C - 1
Impact of Brexit on Patent Law in the UK

By Maryam Noor • August 23, 2022

INTRODUCTION

The UK had been a member state of the EU and its predecessor the European Communities (EC) since 1 January 1973. Brexit was the withdrawal of the United Kingdom (UK) from the European Union (EU) that took place on 31 January 2020.

During EU membership, the law governing IP was, to a large extent, harmonized across the EU, with certain IP rights enjoying pan-EU coverage. The UK-EU Withdrawal Agreement (WA) subsequently converted pre-existing EU IP rights into comparable UK ones (with the exception of patent), with the new UK rights taking effect from the end of the transition period.

Trademarks and RCDs are administered by the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) to provide unitary trademark and design rights across the EU. Since the UK is now not part of the EU, provisions were made for providing corresponding rights in the UK after Brexit. Unlike the EUIPO, the EPO was formed by a separate treaty by the Contracting States to the European Patent Convention.

As of 1 January 2021, the EU and UK systems became fully separate with automatic reciprocal arrangements falling away. However, The UK has remained a member of the European Patents Convention but will not participate in the Unified Patent Court (UPC). [1]

WHAT IS THE EFFECT ON EUROPEAN PATENTS AS THE UK CEASES TO BE AN EU MEMBER STATE?

There are two systems pursuant to which a patent may be granted covering the UK: the national system, in which an application is made to the UK Intellectual Property Office (UKIPO); and the European system, pursuant to which an application is made to the European Patent Office (EPO). Both systems are governed by national and international law and are very largely outside the remit of EU law.
Exhibit D
About This Gig

Hi! I am Rajatpreet Singh and I am an experienced contracts and trademarks attorney with 7+ years of experience and 300+ successful trademark registrations under my belt.

Trademark registration in the US will protect your brand. Trademarks are also mandatory for Amazon Brand Registry. Trademark search and filing is the next big step for your brand.

I will perform the following trademark registration services:
- Trademark search
- Trademark registration filing
- Reply to objection by trademark registry
- Legal advice

Trademark registration will give you the exclusive right to use your brand. It helps prevent misuse of the brand name. My team will strive to provide efficient and quick filing services to your business.

Queries are highly welcomed and let’s have a chat before getting down to business.

Note: Government fees are to be borne by the buyer. Please discuss your requirements before placing an order.

About The Seller

rajatpreetking

Your online business, contracts and Intellectual Property lawyer!

Contact Seller
Are you looking for a reliable, experienced, and cost-effective business lawyer? Hello, I am Raj, a registered and experienced Business, Contracts, Copyright and Trademark attorney. I have served more than 1000 clients from all around the world since 2016. I specialize in understanding your needs, executing the work with the highest degree of professionalism, and putting your and your business's needs first. I am sure that once you start using my services, you will not need any other lawyer. If you would like to discuss your needs, please text me and I look forward to our meeting.

Among my clients:
- CDKNYW
- Men's Clothing
- G&H Automation
- Information Technology (IT)

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Helpful? Yes No

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United States

Published 1 month ago

Raj was great to work with, answered all questions in a manner that was easily understood. He worked diligently on everything and performed everything well above expectations. Thank you.

Helpful? Yes No

bshenjain11

Canada

Published 1 week ago

It was quick delivery and all queries were answered

Helpful? Yes No

art_elevation

United States

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The seller was thorough and timely in all rendered services. He was very informative and helpful throughout the process as well.

Helpful? Yes No

ashilakes

United States

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Awesome job. Fast service, very knowledgeable about what I asked him to do. Highly Recommend!!

Helpful?  ☑ Yes  ☐ No

More Services By rajupreets1ngh

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rajpreets1ngh  Level 2 Seller
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rajpreets1ngh  Level 2 Seller
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Exhibit E
US Trademark Attorney Required

Research more Intellectual Property Law jobs. posted 6 days ago. Worldwide

Hello,
I hope you are doing well.

I am Himanshu Singh, a law firm based out of India with clients from all over Asia-Pacific. We are looking to collaborate with a US Trademark Attorney.

We are preparing and filing trademark applications for the last 5 years now and have filed more than 3000 trademark applications for our clients by now.

We collaborated with a firm in 2020 to file trademarks in the US. They had around 300 trademarks for us from 2020 to 2021. We stopped working with them because they closed down IP department.

We recently received an email from the USPTO that the firm has been excluded. Hence, we need an attorney to take over these 300 applications for us.

Please let me know if you are interested in collaborating with us.

Looking forward to your prompt response.

Best Regards

[Signatures]

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Exhibit F
Job details

Looking for US-based Attorney for Trademark filing with USPTO

Intellectual Property Law
Prefer US experience

We are excited to announce that we have an amazing opportunity for an attorney who is interested in working with us. We are looking for a US-based attorney with at least 5 years of experience in trademark law.

The following are the requirements:
1. Experience in handling trademark applications
2. Strong communication skills
3. Ability to work under pressure
4. Familiarity with USPTO regulations

We are looking for someone who is detail-oriented, self-motivated, and able to work independently. If you are interested, please send your resume and cover letter to the specified email address.

More information can be found on our website. We look forward to hearing from you.

Job details

Looking for US-based Attorney for Trademark filing with USPTO

Related keywords:
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About the client

We are an international law firm with offices in various locations around the world. We are looking for a US-based attorney who has experience in trademark law. If you are interested, please send your resume and cover letter to the specified email address.

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