

Belarus

National aspects

The Belarus Statute of Patent Attorneys contains rules on the professional secrecy obligations of patent attorneys. According to paragraph 7, chapter 2 of the Statute “the information that a patent attorney receives from the principal in connection with the performance of his/her assignment is acknowledged as confidential, unless otherwise specified by the principal”. According to paragraph 8, chapter 2 “a patent attorney is obliged to comply with the requirements of this Statute, other legislation relating to the activity of a patent attorney, as well as the rules of professional ethics”. According to paragraph 9, Chapter 2 of the Statute the breach of the above mentioned rules will cause the suspension of his/her right to practice as a patent attorney.

Cross-border aspects

The legislation of the Republic of Belarus does not provide rules dealing with cross-border aspects of confidentiality of communications between clients and patent attorneys.