

## Confidentiality of Communication between Clients and their Patent Advisors

### Azerbaijan

The patent legislation of the Azerbaijan Republic also regulates issues related to the registration, activity and competencies of the patent attorney. According to the Article 6 of the Law, “Patent attorney shall be a citizen of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall have a higher education knows state language of the Republic of Azerbaijan and registered in state register of Patent attorneys.”

The patent attorney assists the person authorized to obtain and maintain a patent for an invention, utility model and industrial design in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan, represents him/her in the exercising of rights to inventions, utility models and industrial designs, in the concluding of license agreements, protects the interests of the person authorized in the Agency and the court and performs work within its powers.

The activity of patent attorney is determined by this Law and "Statue on patent attorney", approved by the Decision No. 21 dated 15 February 2000 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The Agency has prepared proposals on amendments the Law. The proposals provide, taking into account international practice, enforcement of patent law at the international and national levels, issuance and enforcement of objections, improvement of information search of and the further issues related to patent attorneys.