

Georgia

National aspects

The general rules under the Georgian legislation concerning duties of patent attorneys address the issue in terms of responsibilities and protection of professional secrecy. These rules are provided in the Statute of Patent Attorneys of January, 12, 2011, which was adopted in accordance with the Georgian Patent Law. According to the Article 9 of the statute a patent attorney is obliged: (a) to protect professional secrecy notwithstanding time passed; and (b) to abstain from disseminating information without a consent of the client during execution of his obligations as a patent attorney. According to Article 10 of the present statute, a patent attorney is obliged to refrain from any action which threatens the interests of client, activities of patent attorneys and their independence. According to Article 11 of the statute, the breach of the above-mentioned duties will cause the suspension of his right to practice as a patent attorney.

Cross-border aspects

The Georgian law does not provide rules dealing with cross-border aspects of confidentiality of communications between clients and patent advisors.