

## **Confidentiality of Communication between Clients and their Patent Advisors**

### **Lithuania**

#### **National aspects**

Article 17 of the Law on Patent Attorneys of the Republic of Lithuania (No. XIII-546 of June 29 2017) regulates the protection of the confidential information. It states that such information includes the fact of client referring to a patent attorney, terms of contract, information and data provided by the client, nature of the consultation and data collected by the patent attorney on behalf of the client; it does not include information and data that the client has himself made public, or has clearly indicated his consent to make it public.

#### **Cross-border aspects**

The relevant government authorities have no information regarding problems in relation to cross-border aspects of confidentiality of communications between clients and patent advisors, but note that in some cases there might be problems with confidentiality of communications when an exaction of documents is addressed to foreign country and question of application of foreign law arises.