

Norway

National aspects

Authorized lawyers have the right to keep the communications with their client confidential according to the Dispute Act, Article 22-5, the Criminal Procedure Act, Article 119 and the Criminal Code Article 211.

Patent advisors have the same right to keep communications with their client confidential according to the dispute act, Article 22-5 and the Criminal Procedure Act article 119. However, this right only applies to Patent advisors whose names appear on the list maintained by the European Patent Office in accordance with the European Patent convention Article 134.

There is currently no caselaw concerning the scope of client attorney privilege as it concerns patent advisors.

Cross-border aspects

Due to international development on this matter, the Norwegian Government has recently indicated to consider whether to implement regulations on authorization of patent advisors in order to provide attorney–client evidentiary privilege for patent advisors in Norway.