Removal of Certain Permanent Resident Practitioners Registered to Practice in Patent Matters under 37 CFR § 11.6

The USPTO currently allows U.S. citizens or permanent residents to be registered to practice patent matters before the USPTO. 37 CFR § 11.6. The USPTO has published a list of registered patent practitioners at <a href="https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/patent-and-trademark-practitioners/finding-patent-practitioner">https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/patent-and-trademark-practitioners/finding-patent-practitioner</a>.

In June 2023, the Office of Enrollment and Discipline ("OED") mailed letters to permanent resident registered patent practitioners to verify their current immigration status, and to verify their current contact information.

The practitioners were given approximately 60 days from the date of the initial query letter in which to respond. The letters advised that failure to respond might result in a withdrawal of registration.

In November 2023, the USPTO mailed follow-up letters to those practitioners who did not respond to the June 2023 letters. These letters advised that failure to respond would result in the termination of the registration to practice in patent matters and removal of the practitioners' names from the USPTO's list of registered patent practitioners. Notice to this effect was also published in the Official Gazette on June 4, 2024.

Because the following 12 practitioners have not responded to the USPTO as called for by the letters or notice, their names are being removed from the list of registered patent practitioners under 37 CFR § 11.6:

Un Seop Song
Bernard McDonald
Jaewoo Park
Alexander Wittkopp
Go Sayamoto
William Halford
WaiYin Chong
Eva Maria Hannak
Yan Wang
Seunghee Kang
Ching-Tang Chen
Claire L. Moxon

The USPTO has also given notice of removal to these individuals by mail.

Practitioners whose registration has been withdrawn remain eligible to reapply for registration or recognition.

The authority for this action is 37 CFR § 11.6.

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