



**Department of Policy and Business Practices**

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**Survey on intellectual property related activities in chambers of commerce**

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	and Industry
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**1. General comments**

The “BELPATENTSERVICE” is one of the well-known companies in the field of intellectual property rights in Belarus, which was established in the capital, Minsk in 1996, by the Belarusian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI).

All our patent specialists are qualified as Chartered Patent Attorneys & Agents and Registered Trademark Attorneys & Agents. Two of them started their long experience in the industrial property rights even in the middle of the 70-th.

With a long years of experience of three Attorneys and the motivation and energy of a new dynamic team of our assistants, we are looking forward to be helpful for every client.

When industry enterprises or individual entrepreneurs are faced with difficulties or unique intellectual property issues, “BELPATENTSERVICE” provides trusty counsel in the following fields:

1. Trademarks filing, litigation and counseling.
2. Patents prosecution, litigation and counseling.
3. Licensing and franchising.
4. Intellectual property objects appraising.

5. Managing computer programs depositing system.

## 2. Communication Tools

*What kind of communication tools concerning IP do you offer? Please elaborate.*

a) On-line e.g. website

Website: [www.belpatentservice.org](http://www.belpatentservice.org)

b) Hard copy publications (e.g. guides, newsletters)

- The articles and a special depositing chapter in the quarterly Bulletin "Mercury" of the BCCI

c) Others

## 3. Training

*Do you offer any training programs in the IP field? Please elaborate.*

a) Seminars/ workshops

Seminars and workshops organized by the "Business Training Center" of the BCCI together with the National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarusian Patent, Trademark and IP Office).

b) On-line tutorials

Non

c) Others

Non

## 4. Consultancy/ Advisory Services

*Do you offer any IP-consultancy services? This could include a helpline, legal/ financial/ commercial/consulting services etc. Are intellectual property aspects included in general commercial/business advice provided by your chamber?*

We offer a helpline twice a quarter together with the Belarusian association of Patent Attorneys, we offer consulting services by phone and e-mail. Intellectual property aspects are included in general business advice provided by our Chamber.

## 5. Information gathering/ awareness raising

*Do you conduct surveys or gather information about IP activities in any other way? Do you carry out any awareness raising activities? Please elaborate.*

We gather some occasional information about TM protection. We offer interviews for TV programs, newspapers, magazines and inform-agencies.

#### 6. SME case studies

*Do you publish case studies of SMEs who have actively used IP in their businesses?  
Can you provide us with any such case studies?*

Non

#### 7. Facilitation of IP business opportunities

*Do you provide any services to help businesses trade in IP eg IP business matchmaking, marketplaces etc?*

This is in our plans to organize IP business matchmaking.

#### 8. Policy advocacy

*Do you engage in policy advocacy in the IP field? Please provide details.*

On the pre-trial level at the Boards of Appeals of the National Intellectual Property Offices in Belarus, Ukraine and in Russia).

#### 9. Encouragement of innovation and IP asset development

*Do you have any initiatives to encourage innovation or the development of IP assets e.g. awards, competitions, technology showcases etc ?*

Many of national and international exhibitions organized by the BCCI includes sections dedicated to the innovations.

#### 10. Others

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We consent to the above information being posted on the ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) website.

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