

Power of Attorney, requiring the PTO to enter the individual registration numbers of a list of practitioners associated with a Customer Number, as well as the Customer Number, would frustrate this benefit. Thus, the PTO will treat such an appointment as an appointment of *only* those practitioners associated with the Customer Number.

Customer Numbers are designed to serve the dual purpose of providing a correspondence address, and providing the list of practitioners appointed with a power of attorney. Due to the prohibition against dual correspondence (37 CFR 1.33(a)), an applicant will be permitted to provide only a single number at a time as the Customer Number, and thus correspondence address, for the application. In an instance in which an applicant provides more than one Customer Number, the last provided Customer Number is controlling.

Thus, the appointment of a plurality (much less a large number) of Customer Numbers will result in the PTO recognizing only the last mentioned Customer Number. Applicants are strongly cautioned not to attempt to appoint more than one Customer Number in a single communication, as such action will *not* have a cumulative effect.

Comment (6): Three comments suggested that in this new context, the term "Payor Number" could cause confusion, and would be demeaning to applicants and their representatives.

Response: In view of these comments, the term "Customer Number" has been used to describe the number having an address or a list of practitioners associated with such number. The term "Payor Number" was used in the Payor Number Notice as this term had a specific meaning with regard to the "fee address" for maintenance fee correspondence, and thus served to provide a frame of reference for the extension of such practice.

Comment (7): One comment suggested that the form of appointment refer to registered practitioners, rather than attorneys and agents.

Response: The PTO does not require any specific form of appointment (*i.e.*, the forms of appointment in the Payor Number Notice were merely exemplary). Nevertheless, the phrase "practitioner" is defined in 37 CFR 10.1(r), and "registered practitioners" is considered preferable to "attorneys or agents" or "attorneys and agents." As such, the PTO will change its standardized forms of appointment to refer to "registered practitioners."

Comment (8): One comment questioned the form and effect of an

appointment of all practitioners associated with a Customer Number. The comment specifically questioned whether the practitioner would have to obtain a new power of attorney in a situation in which: (1) a practitioner is associated with the Customer Number of a law firm, and is thus appointed in every application appointing the practitioners associated with that Customer Number; (2) the practitioner subsequently leaves the law firm; and (3) an applicant in an application appointing the practitioners associated with the law firm's Customer Number continues with the practitioner leaving the law firm.

Response: The practitioner should obtain a new power of attorney to continue to have a power of attorney in the application. An appointment in an application of the practitioners associated with a particular Customer Number is the appointment of each of the practitioners associated with that Customer Number at the time any practitioner associated with such Customer Number seek to act for the applicant. With such an appointment, a practitioner is of record until removed from the Customer Number (*i.e.*, until the practitioner is no longer associated with the Customer Number). As the practitioner's former law firm should promptly remove such practitioner from the list of practitioners associated with the law firm's Customer Number, a new power of attorney will be necessary for the practitioner to continue to have a power of attorney in the application.

In an instance in which a particular practitioner in a law firm has a significant number of clients who are clients of the practitioner rather than the law firm (*i.e.*, clients who would prefer to be represented by the practitioner, rather than the law firm, in the event that the practitioner left the law firm), such practitioner should consider establishing a Customer Number separate from the law firm's Customer Number. This would permit the clients of the practitioner to appoint a power of attorney to the practitioners associated with the practitioner's, rather than the law firm's, Customer Number. The practitioner can list any or all of the practitioners in the law firm as practitioners associated with the Customer Number, and can change the practitioners associated with the Customer Number in the event that the practitioner left the law firm. This would avoid the necessity for a new power of attorney in the event that the practitioner leaves the law firm.

Comment (9): One comment suggested that the proposed practice be extended to trademark applications.

Response: The suggestion has been forwarded to the Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks for consideration.

Comment (10): One comment suggested that procedures be adopted such that this number could be utilized informally to identify the source of documents such as drawings, certified copies, *etc.*, by including this number on the back of the document.

Response: There is no prohibition against using a Customer Number on the back of a document to informally identify the source of the document. That is, while 37 CFR 1.52(b) and 1.84(e) provide that the application papers contain writing or drawings only on one side of a sheet, these provisions are directed to the writing and drawings forming the application papers. Thus, the inclusion of identifying information on the back of a sheet simply results in that information not being considered part of the application papers. However, the inclusion of a Customer Number to informally identify the source of a document is not a substitute for the inclusion on the document of the application number to which the document is directed. In addition, a telephone number should also be provided on such document, as the Customer Number will not provide the telephone number (but only the address) of the source of the document.

Comment (11): One comment suggested that the PTO update the address of all registered practitioners in the Office of Enrollment and Discipline (OED) index by a change in the Customer Number address.

Response: The suggestion has been forwarded to OED for consideration.

Dated: October 15, 1996.

Bruce A. Lehman,

*Assistant Secretary of Commerce and
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.*

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Announcement of Membership of the Patent and Trademark Office Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In conformance with the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the Patent and Trademark Office announces the appointment of persons to serve as members of its Performance Review Board.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alethea Long-Green, Director, Office of Human Resources, Patent and

Trademark Office, One Crystal Park, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20231 or telephone (703) 305-8062.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The new membership of the Patent and Trademark Office Performance Review Board is as follows:

Bradford R. Huther, Chairman, Associate Commissioner and Chief Financial Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231, Term—expires September 30, 1998

Richard V. Fisher, Director, Patent Examining Group, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231, Term—expires September 30, 1998

Jin F. Ng, Deputy Director, Patent Examining Group, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231, Term—expires September 30, 1998

Frederick T. Alt, Principal Associate Director and Chief Financial Officer, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233, Term—expires September 30, 1998

Robert M. Anderson, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231, Term—expires September 30, 1997

Karl E. Bell, Deputy Director of Administration, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, Term—expires September 30, 1997

Virginia B. Robinson, Executive Director, Joint Financial Management Improvement Program, Washington, DC 20548, Term—expires September 30, 1998

Tina Sung, Director, Federal Quality Institute Consulting Group, National Performance Review, Washington, DC 20006, Term—expires September 30, 1998

Dated: October 10, 1996.

Bruce A. Lehman,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Friday, November 22, 1996.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Fl. Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

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PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Fl. Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Friday, November 8, 1996.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, D.C., 9th Fl. Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Friday, November 1, 1996.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Fl. Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Friday, November 29, 1996.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, D.C., 9th Fl. Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Renewal of the Navy Planning and Steering Advisory Committee

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Navy Planning and Steering Advisory Committee (NPSAC) has been renewed in consonance with the public interest, and in accordance with the provisions of Pub. L. 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act."

The NPSAC provides objective advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Chief of Naval Operations on matters relating to ballistic missile security and anti-submarine warfare. The committee establishes a technical dialogue between experts from the public and private sectors on matters of national security involving the ballistic missile program.

The NPSAC will be composed of approximately 25 members, from government and private academic, scientific, and intelligence communities who are experts in the disciplines of ballistic missile security and anti-submarine warfare, thus ensuring a fairly balanced membership in terms of the functions to be performed and the interest groups represented.

For further information regarding the JACNWS, contact: Joyce Moore, Department of the Navy, telephone: 703-602-4039.

Dated: October 10, 1996.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Department of the Army

ARMS Initiative Implementation

AGENCY: Armament Retooling and Manufacturing Support (ARMS) Public/Private Task Force (PPTF).