



## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **United States Patent and Trademark Office**

#### **Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Practitioner Conduct and Discipline**

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*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

*Title:* Practitioner Conduct and Discipline.

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*Type of Request:* Regular.

*Number of Respondents:* 11,145.

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*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

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- Mail: Marcie Lovett, Chief, Records and Information Governance Branch, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]** to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via e-mail to [Nicholas\\_A.\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov), or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

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