



# Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 48

### PART V

#### PATENT AGENTS AND TRADE MARK AGENTS

##### *Patent agents*

#### **278 Use of the term “patent attorney”: supplementary provisions.**

- (1) The term “patent attorney” may be used in reference to a solicitor, and a firm of solicitors may be described as a firm of “patent attorneys”, without any contravention of section 276.
- (2) No offence is committed under the enactments restricting the use of certain expressions in reference to persons not qualified to act as solicitors—
  - (a) by the use of the term “patent attorney” in reference to a registered patent agent, or
  - (b) by the use of the term “European patent attorney” in reference to a person on the European list.
- (3) The enactments referred to in subsection (2) are section 21 of the <sup>M1</sup>Solicitors Act 1974, section 31 of the <sup>M2</sup>Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980 and Article 22 of the <sup>M3</sup>Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976.

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#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** [S. 278\(1\)](#) applied (with modifications) (23.12.2011) by [The Legal Services Act 2007 \(Designation as a Licensing Authority\) \(No. 2\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/2866\)](#), arts. 1(2), 8(2)(3), [Sch. 3](#)
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#### **Marginal Citations**

- M1** [1974 c. 37](#).  
**M2** [1980 c. 46](#).  
**M3** [S.I. 1976/582 \(N.I.12\)](#).

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, Section 278.