

**[ IPO OFFICE ORDER NO. 14, SERIES OF 2004,  
March 19, 2004 ]**

**AMENDING OFFICE ORDER NO. 129, SERIES OF 2003, ON THE  
OPTIONAL REGISTRATION OF TRADEMARK AGENTS, PATENT  
AGENTS & TRADEMARK AGENTS AND RESIDENT  
REPRESENTATIVES**

Whereas, the paramount policy of the Office is the delivery of service and dispensation of justice in a transparent environment;

Whereas, the Office desires to facilitate the registration of Resident Representatives fully aware that in view of the availability of training materials generously provided by the Office to the public, particularly those obtainable from the IPOPhil Information and Public Assistance and Training Division and its Library, as well as the present practice of distance learning on intellectual property made through the website of the IPOPhil including its linkages, such as the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), a resident representative may acquaint himself with the theoretical and practical requirements of a person representing applicants before the IPOPhil;

Office Order No. 129, Series of 2003, is hereby amended as follows :

*Section 1. Amendment of Section 5 of Office Order No. 129, Series of 2003.* Relationship by consanguinity or affinity as a ground for disqualification is hereby removed under Section 5 of Office Order No. 129, Series of 2003 and the said section is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 5. *Disqualification.* The following shall be disqualified from registration under these rules:

- a. employees of the IPOPhil;
- b. former employees of the IPOPhil who are disqualified under Section 19 of the Intellectual Property Code; or
- c. juridical entities where any of (a) or (b) is a member, stockholder, partner or employee, as the case may be.

Section 2. Exemption of Resident Representatives from the Forty-Hour Training requirement. Applicants for registration or re-enlistment as Resident Representatives shall be exempt from the requirement to