## TRADEMARK ALERT Beware of Spoofed Calls that Impersonate the USPTO

Scammers have recently started calling trademark customers and falsely claiming to be an employee with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The scammers use a tactic called "spoofing," where they will trick phone networks into displaying a name, number, and location different from their actual name, number, and location. The scammers are trying to trick you into believing you're talking to the USPTO, in order to steal money or personal information from you. If we assisted you with your trademark, all official correspondence will come through us. The USPTO will never ask for your personal or payment information over the phone.

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