

**Law
to Amend the Law to Reform
the Professional Law of Attorneys-at-law and Patent Attorneys**

of 17 December 1999

The Federal Parliament [*Bundestag*] has adopted the following Law:

Article 1

The Law to Amend the Law to Reform the Professional Law of Attorneys-at-law and Patent Attorneys of 2 September 1994 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 2278) shall be amended as follows:

2. Article 14 shall be worded as follows:

'Article 14

Amendment of the Trade Mark Law

Section 140 subsection 3 of the Trade Mark Law of 25 October 1994 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 3082; 1995 I p. 156), last amended by Article 5 of the Law of 16 July 1998 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 1827) shall be worded as follows:

"(3) If an appeal on points of fact and law is filed in respect of a decision by a court with competence for litigation concerning signs, the parties may also be represented before the appellate court by attorneys-at-law admitted to practice in the Higher District Court [*Oberlandesgericht*] before which the appeal, in the absence of a designation under subsection (2), would be heard."

Article 2

This Act shall enter into force on the day following promulgation.

The constitutional rights of the Federal Council [*Bundesrat*] have been heeded.

The above Law is hereby executed and promulgated in the Federal Law Gazette.

Berlin, 17 December 1999

The Federal President
Johannes Rau

The Federal Chancellor
Gerhard Schröder

The Federal Minister of Justice
Däubler-Gmelin
