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These [solicitations or notices] may include offers: (1) for legal services [such as renewals]; (2) for trademark monitoring services; (3) to record trademarks with U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and (4) to “register” trademarks in a private registry.

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“@uspto.gov.”*

If you have any doubt as to whether a solicitation is a scam, we urge you to contact your Fross Zelnick attorney before making any payments. Please note also that we provide trademark renewal and maintenance services, we can recommend reputable trademark monitoring or watch services, and we provide the service of recording trademarks with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (in order to help that agency seize incoming infringements and counterfeits). Also, the service offered by some scammers to “register” or record trademarks in a private registry is completely useless.

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