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From: Don Hopkins & Associates <patent@dhopkins.co.nz>

To: Klaus Zimmer <kwickset@tpg.com.au>

EMAIL TO: KLAUS ZIMMER-VORHAUS

Date: 23 November, 1999

Re: Paul R Taylor & Associates

Dear Mr Zimmer-Vorhaus,

Thank you for your mail of 22 November 1999. We are very sorry to learn of the bad experience you have had with the above-named. We have not been placed in a position of having money owed to us by Paul Taylor as we are well aware of him having dealt with him over some number of years when he was with a large Australian firm of patent attorneys. You may be interested to learn that we had made a conscious decision not to deal with him or his firm at the time he started up practice on his own account.

It is interesting that during more than 30 years in the profession dealing with patent attorney firms throughout the world that, except for one US firm, our only bad debt experiences have been with Australian patent attorney firms. Over the 30 year period we have had four different Australian patent attorney firms who have acted in a similar manner to Paul R Taylor & Associates and we have suffered significant losses as a result. We have always been surprised that the Australian Institute of Patent and Trade Mark Attorney has not taken a stronger line with these firms.

Regards.

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Subject: Paul Taylor & Associates

Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 09:00:18 +1300

From: Don Hopkins & Associates <patent@dhopkins.co.nz>

To: kwickset@tpg.com.au

EMAIL TO: KLAUS ZIMMER-VORHAUS

Date: 1 December, 1999

Re: Paul Taylor & Associates

Dear Mr Zimmer-Vorhaus,

Thank you for your email of 25 November 1999.

We have not actually suffered any damage by Paul Taylor and his firm. We were aware of Paul Taylor when he worked for another firm of patent attorneys. Because of what we saw as a less than professional manner in which Mr Taylor operated (on which we cannot elaborate) we made a conscious decision at the time that he commenced his own firm that we would neither deal with him by providing him with instructions nor accept instructions from him.

Regards.

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Christian Don wrote:

Attention : Mr Klaus Zimmer

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your November 21, 1999 message and we have duly noted its contents.

We also have had invoices remained unpaid by an Australian patent attorney named James Murray.

After 6 months and several reminders, we obtained from the Institute of Patent Attorneys of Australia that the firm of Solicitors, McDonald Slater & Lay has the responsibility for handling the debts of the firm James Murray and Co.

We have written many times to this firm, without success. We have tried to request an order through the Magistrates Court, Dandenong Vic 3175 against this firm of Solicitors. However, we had to instruct a Victorian Solicitor for that.

We have instructed one to act for us, but instead he has called his Colleague Slater and nothing was done except trying to charge us !

Very truly yours,

Ch. DON

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