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General Comment

As an IP attorney, I prefer to conduct all business with the Office electronically.

I propose, since a "wet" signature is required for a declaration, the practitioner, being an officer of the Office, be allowed to obtain a "wet" signature for his/her office files, then submit an e-signature with a notice that a "wet" signature is on file and will be supplied to the Office if requested, such as by a fax or email copy.

In this way, all correspondence to the Office can be on Office forms, without requiring downloading, scanning after signature, and collating electronically before submission, with the attendant degradation of said files.

I further propose that the e-signature be the practitioner's, while, of course, the "wet" signature is the applicant's.