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## CIPO to modernize IP profession

Andrew Skodyn's article appeared in the January 23, 2015 issue of the Lawyers Weekly. This article discussed proposals to modernize the IP Community.

"The times are changing for patent and trademark agents in Canada. If recent proposals for modernizing the IP community are accepted, the processes of becoming, finding and remaining a patent or trademark agent will all change.

Unlike lawyers, patent and trademark agents are not a self regulated profession. Their rights and responsibilities are the subject of federal legislation and are governed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the federal agency tasked with managing intellectual property in Canada..."