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To be fair, the new fees for attorneys/agents need to account for the fees already being paid by practitioners. As a member of the TN bar, I have to pay a yearly \$400 professional tax. I also have to complete 15 hours of CLE (7 hours must be in person). My estimated CLE cost is around \$365 (excluding transportation costs).

Seems like USPTO examiners should have the same requirements re: CLE and USPTO fees if these are implemented.

Somehow, the USPTO needs to account for the fees already paid/due by practitioners.

Thank you,

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