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## Switzerland: Refusal to Sign a Patent Assignment, Federal Supreme Court of Switzerland, 1st Civil Law Chamber, 4A\_688/2014, 15 April 2015

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A former employee inventor's obligation to sign a declaration of assignment of a patent application to the former employer can be enforced in summary proceedings pursuant to the Swiss Code of Civil Procedure's provisions regarding "Clear Cases", under threat of a criminal penalty against the former employee, and even after the termination of the employment relationship.

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