

To take over the prosecution of your patent from John Rizvi (or any registered patent attorney), you'll need to follow a clear procedural and legal path. Here's a structured breakdown of how to do it cleanly:

1. Understand What You're Taking Over

Prosecution means you're continuing with the USPTO correspondence: Office Actions, amendments, responses, etc.

If you're the inventor-applicant, you're legally allowed to represent yourself (called pro se), but you'll take on all legal responsibilities.

2. Get the Current File Wrapper

Log into Patent Center at USPTO Patent Center

Search by your application number or publication number.

Download all file wrapper documents (especially Power of Attorney forms and Office Actions).

3. Revoke John Rizvi's Power of Attorney

If he was officially appointed as your representative, you need to revoke it. Use:

Form PTO/AIA/80: Revocation of Power of Attorney with New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address

or

Form PTO/AIA/81: Revocation of Power of Attorney Without New Power of Attorney

File the appropriate form through Patent Center.

4. Update Correspondence Address

If you're taking over pro se, make sure you also update the correspondence address to your own using PTO/AIA/122.

This ensures future Office Actions and notices go directly to you.

5. Notify Rizvi's Office Professionally (Optional but Courteous)

Send a written notice (email or certified mail) stating:

You are formally revoking his representation

You've filed the required USPTO forms

You appreciate any work done up to this point

Avoid discussion of strategy or fees unless there's a dispute—keep it clean.

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Understood. Here's your final version—addressed to John Rizvi as firm head, flat tone, suitable for visibility to all (including the mystery John and Jonathan Bloch):

Subject: Termination of Representation – Patent Application [Insert Application Number]

Dear Mr. Rizvi,

This is to confirm that I have submitted the appropriate forms to the United States Patent and Trademark Office revoking your firm's power of attorney in connection with patent application [Application Number or Title].

All further correspondence with the USPTO will be managed by me directly. No further action is required from your office.

Sincerely,

[Your Full Name]

Let me know when you find the assigned attorney's full name—if you want a cc line or footnote call-out added, I'll slot it in clean.

6. Prepare for Solo Prosecution (If Not Hiring Another Attorney)

Study past Office Actions carefully.

Be ready to submit formal responses using USPTO's required formats and language.

Consider using the USPTO Patent Pro Bono Program or law school clinics if needed.

7. Consider a Continuation or CIP (Optional)

If the original strategy isn't working, you might file a continuation-in-part (CIP) or a continuation application. You'll want clarity before taking that step.

Reflection

Taking over from Rizvi means you believe you can either:

Handle this better yourself, or

Get better representation elsewhere.

Rizvi is known for high-volume, media-savvy filings. If your invention is unique and you want deep technical engagement, this may be the right move.

Would you like help drafting the revocation form, or want to mock up a formal letter to Rizvi's office?