

The conference will take place in Old Hall,
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Preparing for the Unitary Patent Package

Old Hall, Lincoln's Inn
London, 4-5 December 2014



Key topics

- The European Patent with Unitary Effect: Where do we stand?
- Preparing for litigation before the Unified Patent Court
- Enforcement of rights and patent settlements

With experts from:

- Commercial Court, Antwerp
- High Court of Justice, London
- High Regional Court, Düsseldorf
- Bayer Intellectual Property GmbH, Monheim
- Allen&Overy, Brussels
- Bristows LLP, London
- Simmons & Simmons, London
- IP Asset LLP, London
- RGC Jenkins & Co., London
- Véron et Associés, Paris
- The Drafting Committee on the Rules of Procedure for the UPC
- The Select Committee of the Administrative Council of the European Patent Organisation (EPO)
- European Patent Institute, Munich
- UK Intellectual Property Office, London
- Queen Mary University of London
- University of Alicante



Thursday 4 December 2014

09:00

Arrival and registration of participants

09:30

Welcome and opening

Florence Hartmann-Vareilles; Duncan Matthews

09:35

Setting the scene: preparing for the unitary patent package

The Hon Mr Justice Arnold

Chair: Florence Hartmann-Vareilles

I. The Unitary Patent: Where do we stand?

10:00

Overview and update of the work of the EPO Select Committee: Unitary patent protection and renewable fees

Jérôme Debrulle

Discussion

10:45

Coffee break and networking opportunity

11:15

Spain's second legal challenge before the CJEU: open questions and potential consequences

Manuel Desantes

Discussion

12:00

Supplementary protection certificates: in need of clarification

Bettina Wanner

Discussion

12:45 Lunch

Chair: Duncan Matthews

14:15

The unitary patent as an object of property: how to understand and apply this concept in practice

Pierre Véron

Discussion

II. Preparing for litigation before the Unified Patent Court

15:00

Results of the public hearing on the rules of procedure

Kevin Mooney

Discussion

15:45

Coffee break and networking opportunity

16:15

Rights of representation called into question

Vicki Salmon; Tony Tangena

Discussion

17:30 End of the first conference day and reception

Objective

This conference will offer an update on the political and legal developments regarding the Unitary Patent in the EU and the rules of procedure applicable before the Unified Patent Court (UPC).

Who should attend?

Patent attorneys, lawyers in private practice, in-house counsel and other practitioners of law dealing with patent law and industrial property law.



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Evening programme

18:00

Drinks reception in the Crypt at Lincoln's Inn

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Friday 5 December 2014

Chair: Duncan Matthews

09:00

Round table:

Preparing for patent litigation before the UPC

Maximilian Haedicke

Alan Johnson

David Musker

Discussion

10:30

Coffee break and networking opportunity

III. Enforcement of rights and patent settlements

11:00

Damages actions and execution of decisions

Sam Granata

Discussion

11:45

Tips to conclude good patent settlement agreements

Geert Glas

Discussion

12:30

The unitary patent package: Challenges and prospects for the Future

Neil Feinson

13:00

End of the conference

Programme may be subject to amendment.

You will learn:

- On which grounds has Spain brought its second challenge against the unitary patent Regulations?
- Where do we stand with the UPC ratification process?
- What parameters will determine the level of fees and renewable fees before the EPO?
- How can the rules applicable to supplementary protection certificates be clarified ?
- How is the concept of "unitary patent as an object of property" to be understood and applied in practice?
- What changes will be made to the UPC rules of procedure ?
- In which circumstances can patent settlement be preferable to litigation?
- What kinds of damages can be sought before the UPC and is it possible to ensure that decisions are executed in practice ?

What participants said last year:

- "Comprehensive and diverse covering of topics, expert speakers"
- "Very interesting to hear broad set of perspectives"
- "Learning much about very recent acts"
- "Very good value for what you get"
- "Welcoming, helpful staff and friendly service"

Speakers:

The Hon Mr Justice Arnold, Judge of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division), London

Jérôme Debrulle, General Counsel, Belgium Office for Intellectual Property, Brussels

Professor Manuel Desantes, University of Alicante

Geert Glas, Partner, Allen&Overy, Brussels

Neil Feinson, Director International Policy, UK Intellectual Property Office, London

Sam Granata, Judge, Commercial Court, Antwerp

Professor Maximilian Haedicke, University of Freiburg, Judge, High Regional Court, Düsseldorf

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Place, Date

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Organiser

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Location

The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn
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