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Unitary Patent & Unified Patent Court

Roadshow for professional representatives

Programme

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Wednesday, 9 May 2018

- 8.30 – 9.00 Registration
- 9.00 – 10.40 **The Unitary Patent (UP)**
- From Community Patent to Unitary Patent
 - Unitary Patent: the basics
 - Procedures before the European Patent Office
 - Fees and other financial aspects
 - Information to the public
 - Issues relating to the UPP system
 - Appeals and Interlocutory Revision
- 10.40 – 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00 – 12.40 **The Unitary Patent (UP) (continued)**
- 12.40 – 13.30 Lunch break
- 13.30 – 15.00 **The Unified Patent Court (UPC)**
- UPC structure, jurisdiction and territorial scope
 - How and when will the UPC become operational? Phasing-in period and activities before entry into force
 - General overview over procedure; patent infringement actions, revocation actions, provisional measures, evidence and languages
 - Relationship between parallel or subsequent EPO opposition proceedings and UPC-actions
 - Costs of proceedings
- 15.00 – 15.20 Coffee break
- 15.20 – 16.00 **The Unified Patent Court (UPC)**
- Role of Patent Attorneys at UPC; representation, privileges and Code of Conduct
 - UPC Register; “opt-out” and “opt-in” procedures
- 16.00 – 16.40 **Strategic considerations for patent protection in Europe**
- Unitary patent protection or classical EP bundle patent protection?
 - Which patents to opt-out?
- 16.40 – 17.00 **Question and answer session**
- 17.00 **End of the Seminar**

Speakers



Francis Leyder

Analytical chemist by training, he obtained his PhD before joining Labofina, Research Centre of the Petrofina Group. He qualified as European Patent Attorney in 1988 and dealt mainly with patents for catalysis, petrochemicals, oleochemistry, paints and composites. After the merger into the Total Group and subsequent reorganisations, he became head of the Patents Department of Total Research & Technology Feluy, until end 2015. He has been a guest lecturer at the Université catholique de Louvain since 1999. In 2005, he joined the European Patent Practice Committee of **epi**, which he has been chairing since 2008. In this context, he has been closely following the developments concerning the Unitary Patent. He frequently represents **epi** as observer at meetings of the Select Committee in charge of the implementation at the EPO.



Stefan Luginbuehl

completed his law degree at the University of Berne (Switzerland), then worked at a well-established law firm specializing in business law, with offices in Zurich and Berne, and was admitted to the bar in 1999. In 2009 he received a PhD degree from Utrecht University (The Netherlands).

Between 1999 and 2004 he worked for the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property where he has represented Switzerland in different bodies of the European Patent Organisation, the World Intellectual Property Organisation and other institutions. He was a member of the drafting team of the European Patent Litigation Agreement (EPLA). This Agreement served to a great extent as basis for the Agreement on a Unified Patent Court (UPC Agreement). Since 2004 he is employed as a lawyer in the European Patent Office where he is inter alia dealing with the developments of the patent system in Europe, with emphasis on the implementation of the unitary patent and the uniform patent litigation system into the existing European patent system, and with patent related developments in Asia, in particular China.

He participated in several Diplomatic and Intergovernmental Conferences on the reform of the European patent system and the international litigation system. He is a lecturer in different universities and is the author and editor of several books and articles on patent procedure and patent litigation in Europe and China.



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Giuseppe Colucci

Chemist by education, he is European Patent Attorney, Community Trademark and Design Attorney, Italian Patent and Trademark Agent. He has been member of the epi since 1996. As of 2008, he has served as member (full/substitute) of the **epi** Council and as full member of the **epi** Litigation Committee. He has received a diploma on Patent Litigation in Europe from CEIPI – Strasbourg University. He has extensive experience in patent practice, particularly in the field of polymers. He lectures in several IP-related courses and often speaks in IP events. He is currently Lead Attorney at Basell Poliolefine Italia, a LyondellBasell company.



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