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Case Law Seminar

epi - EPO roadshow for professional representatives

Programme

28 March 2019
Brussels, Belgium



Thursday, 28 March 2019

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 10.45 **Claims**

- Disclaimers (G2/03, G2/10, G 1/16)
- Clarity (G 3/14)

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 12.30 **Problem-solution approach**

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch break

13.30 – 15.00 **Mock oral proceedings**

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 16.40 **Recent case law**

16.40 – 17.00 **Question and answer session**

17.00 **End of the Seminar**

Speakers

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Thomas Pott is partner at werkpatent®, a law firm for intellectual property protection near Cologne, Germany. Chemist by education, he obtained his PhD before spending three years in research & development, specializing in the chemistry of polyurethanes. He started in IP in 2006, working as in-house counsel. After qualifying as German and European Patent Attorney in 2010/2011 he has been working in private practice. He has received a diploma on Patent Litigation in Europe from CEIPI – Strasbourg University and a Master's degree (LL.M.) in European Intellectual Property from FernUniversität Hagen. He is an epi and CEIPI tutor and lectures at the University of the German Armed Forces. Since 2016 he is a member of the Examining Board for the qualifying examination at the German Chamber of Patent Attorneys.

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Leythem Wall, GB, Chartered UK and European patent attorney, studied Chemistry at the University of Oxford, holds a Certificate in IP Law from the University of London and a Diploma in Patent Litigation from the University of Strasbourg. He is a partner in the London office of the international law firm Finnegan, and before this was an in-house IP law attorney for ExxonMobil in Brussels. Leythem has substantial experience in EPO Oppositions and Appeals including representation in Oral Proceedings. He is a Chartered Scientist, a European Chemist and a frequent lecturer on intellectual property.

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Guy Patton is a technically qualified member of a board of appeal, dealing with various technical fields such as packing, conveying, robots, hand tools, paper making. He is a mechanical engineer (Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Arts et Métiers, France) and has a Master of Science in materials engineering (Virginia Tech, USA) as well as a PhD in metallurgy (Institut National des Sciences Appliquées, France). Before joining the EPO he worked several years in a metallurgy Group managing research projects as well as production lines dedicated to research. He joined the EPO in 1997 to work as a patent examiner, essentially in metallurgy. He also took over responsibilities in the EPO Academy and the International Affairs Department, in particular in projects with South-East Asia, Africa and Middle East. He passed the EQE in 2004 and has been regularly acting as tutor in CEIPI-seminars for EQE-candidates.

EPO Speaker



Theodora Karamanli is a legally qualified member of the Boards of appeal and of the Disciplinary Board of Appeal. She started her career as a lawyer at the EPO in Munich in 1989. Before being appointed as a member of the Boards of Appeal in 2006, she built up over 10 years of expertise as a legally qualified member in various opposition divisions. Additionally, she was a member of the Disciplinary Board of the EPO as well as of the Examination Committee for the European qualifying examination (Paper D – Legal paper). She regularly gives talks and presentations on the EPO opposition and appeal procedures.

She is also involved in the training of new members of the Boards of Appeal. She has contributed to the legal commentary Benkard, Europäisches Patentübereinkommen.



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