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Case Law Seminar

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Programme

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Friday, 15 November 2019

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| 8.30 – 9.00 | Registration |
| 9.00 – 10.45 | Claims <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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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Yvonne Podbielski, legally qualified member of the Boards of Appeal. After her studies in Heidelberg, Cambridge - where she obtained a PhD – and London, she qualified as a solicitor (England/Wales) in 2000. She worked in the field of commercial litigation for a London law firm, then joined the Legal Research Service of the Boards of Appeal of the EPO, and was head of that department until she joined the Boards of Appeal. She contributes to the legal commentary Singer Stauder, Europäisches

Patentübereinkommen.

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Graham Ashley is chairman of a board of appeal in mechanics, dealing with a wide range of general technology, such as the building/construction industry, oil exploration, lighting, weapons, metal processing, shoes, furniture and sanitary equipment (somebody has to do the toilets). His background is metallurgy and has a PhD in electrochemistry from Cambridge. He has worked among other places, in the steel industry, for the European Space Agency, and for a law firm in Toronto. In 1996 he was

called to the Bar (Lincoln's Inn), but moved straight away to the EPO in Munich to work as a patent examiner. He was a member of the committee for the EQE (Paper C – Opposition) and was responsible for drafting one of the exam papers. He regularly gives talks and presentations on EPO case law and procedures, most recently on inventive step, clarity and the work of the boards of appeal. He is also involved with the training of new members of the boards of appeal, and contributes to a CIPA workshop on training patent attorneys for oral proceedings.



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