Seminar

The new patent system in Europe

The agreement concerning a unified jurisdiction for patents in Europe will soon enter into force, setting up a court that will have jurisdiction over a new entity, the European Patent with Unitary Effect, as well as the “classic” European Patents issued for decades by the European Patent Office. Our seminar will explain to you in detail the implications of this daring venture and will give practical advice to users of the system to help you avoid pitfalls.

The lectures will be in English.

The seminar is meant for:
• company managers
• attorneys and jurists
• patent agents

Location:
Canadian German Chamber of Industry and Commerce Inc.
480 University Ave, Suite 1500, Toronto, ON M5G 1V2, Canada

Price:
From 26 August 2014: 100 $ + tax
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All the news on the Agreement on a Unified Patent Court
You can find all the news on the UPCA on our Internet site: http://www.preubohlig.de/english/eu_patent.php.

Get the latest on the costs of the procedure and the annual fees, the effective date of the Agreement, the appointment of judges, the latest discussions to formulate new rules of procedure.

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Schedule:
8:00 AM: Welcome
8:30 – 10:00 AM: The European Patent with Unitary Effect
10:00 – 10:30 AM: Coffee break
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM: The UPCA: Structure of the Court
12:30 – 2:00 PM: Lunch break
2:00 – 3:30 PM: Current issues: What is important, what you need to do
3:30 – 4:00 PM: Cocktail hour
Overview:

The European authorities have launched a reform of the patent system, comprising two new EU regulations and an international agreement. This “patent package” is intended to provide protection through a unitary patent for the European Union. However, the new jurisdiction will not cover solely this new type of patent. The “classic” European patents issued by the EPO in Munich will also be affected by this fundamental reorganization. The new court will also have jurisdiction over two types of patents, the classic European Patent and the European Patent with Unitary Effect. Only national patents will remain outside its scope of application.

The Agreement on a Unified Patent Court (UPCA) of 19 February 2013 will create a court of first instance as well as an appellate court. The court of first instance will be comprised of local and regional divisions that will have jurisdiction over patent infringement actions. At the same time, a central division will be set up, based in Paris (with sections in Munich and in London). This central division will have jurisdiction over actions for nullity and declarations of non-infringement. The appellate court will be based in Luxembourg.

In Germany, currently the most important European jurisdiction in patent matters, 4 local divisions will be set up, based in Düsseldorf, Munich, Mannheim and Hamburg. A new, detailed code of procedure will be added to the Agreement. These procedural regulations are currently being discussed among officials of the States that are signatories to the UPCA and the 17th version will be published in the fall of 2014.

The UPCA will also create a complex transitional phase that is expected to last at least 7 years and that will be paved with pitfalls. All the classic European Patents will be affected by this transitional period.

Our lecturers:

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As an attorney at law and partner at Preu Bohlig & Partner Dr. Christof Augenstein represents enterprises of various sizes (DAX-30 to start-ups) in patent infringement proceedings. His special expertise covers cross-border infringement cases.


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