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INTRODUCTION

With the onset of European Patent Reform and the Unitary Patent Court fast approaching, it is now time to look at the specifics and make the last crucial adjustments to your strategy. Therefore, the MIP European Patent Reform Forum will explain the unified patent court and the unified patent in detail. It will also take an in-depth look at the most recent developments, such as amendments to the procedures, implications of the Spanish legal challenge, the selection of judges and costs. Among others, topics include: the Unified Patent Court explained in detail; the European Court of Justice and the Unified Patent Court; litigation planning and forum shopping in the European Unified Patent Court; the Unitary Patent; analysing the judges; and there will be an inter-industry debate on international litigation considerations.

By discussing the next steps and most recent updates on the European Patent Reform, this forum provides an invaluable analysis of the details and specifics of the UPC, the unified patent and litigation strategies under the new court. By looking ahead at judges and costs the forum will help to adjust and fine-tune basic strategies already put in place, and it is a learning opportunity for IP managers who want to have a head-start on their competitors.

The programme addresses the major issues at hand and will encourage highest-level debate on all of the pertinent topics and technical matters from the varied perspectives of a wide range of stakeholders. In addition to this, MIP brings to the agenda its global expertise so as to offer multinational corporations cutting-edge guidance on handling IP portfolios under the new UPC. The MIP European Patent Reform Forum brings together leaders in corporations, public health and the sciences and, of course, leading legal experts to discuss and impart valuable knowledge.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- Get to know the European Unified Patent Court in great detail
- Discuss split proceedings and bifurcation
- Learn when the ECJ will/won't be able to review issues of law pertaining to patents
- Join analysis on litigation planning and forum shopping in the European Unified Patent Court
- Examine the expertise of the judges, their training and their level of coherence
- Find out about the status of fees
- Debate alternative IP strategies parallel to the UPC

WHO YOU WILL MEET

- IP in-house counsel
- General counsel
- Private practice lawyers
- Heads of IP
- Heads of legal
- Patent counsel

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING

Delegates are invited to attend a full day of training and discussion to hear from, and network with, leading experts in multiple fields. All delegates will be party to important debates about the most significant changes in the European patent system and will have the opportunity to contribute as well as to learn. Attending this forum will allow corporations to enhance their IP rights and protection in Europe and get a head-start on their competition.

The topics will equip attending corporations with the necessary means to strategise for building a robust and profitable patent portfolio. Whether your industry is pharmaceuticals, software, technology & telecoms or automobiles & aviation this forum will cater to your needs and concerns.

PROGRAMME

8.00	Registration	
8.45	Opening remarks by James Nurton, managing editor, Managing IP	
8.50	The Unified Patent Court explained in detail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to best navigate the new divisions and structures • A practical guide to making best use of the courts and mitigating costs • Understanding procedures: From starting proceedings through to trial • Strategising in advance 	Tim Powell , partner, Powell Gilbert Christine Kanz , partner, ROKH IP Pierre Véron , partner, Véron & Associés
9.45	Split Proceedings and the UPC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaints by Licensees, Counterclaims for Revocation against Proprietor • Bifurcation: Debunking the myths - Evaluating the possible pros and cons • Appeals against Bifurcation under the 16th draft of the Rules of Procedure • What should be learnt from current German practice? • How judges will handle bifurcation 	Jochen Meyer , head of IPR Germany, Vodafone Joachim Feldges , partner, Allen & Overy David Por , partner, Allen & Overy Jean-Jacques Canonici , director & patent manager, EMEA, Procter & Gamble Clemens Heusch , head of European litigation, Nokia
10.40	Coffee break and networking	
11.00	The European Court of Justice and the Unified Patent Court <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the Spanish challenge affected plans for the new system • When will/ won't the ECJ be able to review issues of law pertaining to patents? 	David Rose , partner, King & Wood Mallesons SJ Berwin Axel Walz , partner, King & Wood Mallesons SJ Berwin Judge Matthias Zigann , presiding judge of the 7th chamber at the Regional Court of Munich
11.55	Swiss focus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Swiss patent court – how does it work? • The Swiss patent court and the UPC • Challenges and opportunities for companies doing business in Switzerland 	Simon Holzer , partner, meyerlustenberger lachenal Michael Ritscher , partner, meyerlustenberger lachenal
12.25	Lunch and networking	
13.15	The Unitary Patent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pros and cons of filing the UP in comparison to a national patent • Strategic advice for prosecution • A guide to the translation regime • An overview of costs 	Eskil Waage , lawyer, international legal affairs, European Patent Office Michael Schneider , partner, Wragge Lawrence Graham & Co David Barron , partner, Wragge Lawrence Graham & Co Luke McDonagh , lecturer in law, Cardiff University
14.10	Litigation planning and forum shopping in the European Unified Patent Court <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game over? Litigation planning and strategy under the new UPC • Risks and opportunities of forum shopping in Europe 	Thomas Bouvet , partner, Véron & Associés Penny Gilbert , partner, Powell Gilbert Kay Kasper , partner, ROKH IP
15.05	Coffee break and networking	
15.25	Alternative IP strategies parallel to the UPC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoiding the down-sides of court litigation before the UPC: Alternative dispute resolution and arbitration proceedings • Best practices and strategies to utilize third party observations and opposition proceedings before the EPO • Interdependency and future interplay between existing legal mechanisms and the UPC-system 	Simon Roberts , director of patents, BT Jürgen Schneider , vice president, global IP & IP litigation, QIAGEN Clemens Plassmann , partner, Hogan Lovells Steffen Steininger , partner, Hogan Lovells
16.20	Inter-industry debate - International litigation considerations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How different countries regard the UPC • The future of national legislation • The unanswered questions about the UPC 	Michael Fröhlich , senior director, EU intellectual property & strategy, Blackberry Clemens Heusch , head of European litigation, Nokia Alex Wilson , partner, Powell Gilbert Kay Kasper , partner, ROKH IP Pierre Véron , partner, Véron & Associés
17.15	End of conference	

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