Preparing for the Unitary Patent Package

Old Hall, Lincoln’s Inn
London, 4-5 December 2014

Key topics
• The European Patent with Unitary Effect: Where do we stand?
• Preparing for litigation before the Unitary Patent Court
• Enforcement of rights and patent settlements

With experts from:
• Commercial Court, Antwerp
• High Court of Justice, London
• High Regional Court, Düsseldorf
• Bayer Intellectual Property GmbH, Monheim
• Allen&Overy, Brussels
• Bristows LLP, London
• Hoyng Monegier, Amsterdam
• IP Asset LLP, London
• RGC Jenkins & Co., London
• Véron et Associés, Paris
• The Drafting Committee on the Rules of Procedure for the UPC
• The Select Committee of the Administrative Council of the European Patent Organisation (EPO)
• European Patent Institute, Munich
• UK Intellectual Property Office, London
• Queen Mary University of London
• University of Alicante
Thursday 4 December 2014

09:00 Arrival and registration of participants
09:30 Welcome and opening Florence Hartmann-Vareilles; Duncan Matthews
09:40 Setting the scene: preparing for the unitary patent package The Hon Mr Justice Colin Birss

Chair: Florence Hartmann-Vareilles

I. The Unitary Patent: Where do we stand?

10:00 Overview and update of the work of the Preparatory Committee: Unitary patent protection and renewable fees Jérôme Debrulle

Discussion
10:45 Coffee break and networking opportunity
11:15 Spain’s second legal challenge before the CJEU: open questions and potential consequences Manuel Desantes

Discussion
12:00 Supplementary protection certificates: in need of clarification Bettina Wanner

Discussion
12:45 Lunch

Chair: Duncan Matthews

14:15 The unitary patent as an object of property: how to understand and apply this concept in practice? Pierre Véron

Discussion

II. Preparing for litigation before the Unitary Patent Court

15:00 Results of the public hearing on the rules of procedure Willem Hoyng

Discussion
15:45 Coffee break and networking opportunity
16:15 Rights of representation called into question Vicki Salmon; Tony Tangena

Discussion
17:30 End of the first conference day and reception

Objective
This conference will offer an update on the political and legal developments regarding the Unitary Patent in the EU and the rules of procedure applicable before the Unitary Patent Court (UPC).

Who should attend?
Patent attorneys, lawyers in private practice, in-house counsel and other practitioners of law dealing with patent law and industrial property law.

Evening programme
18:00 Drinks reception in the Crypt at Lincoln’s Inn
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Friday 5 December 2014

09:00
Round table:
Preparing for patent litigation before the UPC
Alan Johnson
Maximilian Haedicke
David Musker
Discussion
10:30
Coffee break and networking opportunity

III. Enforcement of rights and patent settlements

11:00
Damages actions and execution of decisions
Sam Granata
Discussion
11:45
Tips to conclude good patent settlement agreements
Geert Glas
Discussion
12:30
The unitary patent package: Challenges and prospects for the Future
Neil Feinson
13:00
End of the conference

Programme may be subject to amendment.

You will learn:

- On which grounds has Spain brought its second challenge against the unitary patent Regulations?
- Where do we stand with the UPC ratification process?
- What parameters will determine the level of fees and renewable fees before the EPO?
- How to clarify the rules applicable to supplementary protection certificates?
- How is the concept of “unitary patent as an object of property” to be understand and applied in practice?
- What changes will be done to the UPC rules of procedure?
- In which ways can patent settlement be better than litigation?
- What kind of damages can be sought before the UPC and how to ensure that decisions are executed in practice?

What participants said last year:

- “Comprehensive and diverse covering of topics, expert speakers”
- “Very interesting to hear broad set of perspectives”
- “Learning much about very recent acts”
- “Very good value for what you get”
- “Welcoming, helpful staff and friendly service”

Speakers:

The Hon Mr Justice Colin Birss, Judge of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division), London

Jérôme Debrulle, General Counsel, Belgium Office for Intellectual Property, Chairman of the EPO Select Committee, Brussels

Professor Manuel Desantes, University of Alicante

Geert Glas, Partner, Allen&Overy, Brussels

Neil Feinson, Director International Policy, UK Intellectual Property Office, London

Sam Granata, Judge, Commercial Court, Antwerp

Professor Maximilian Haedicke, University of Freiburg, Judge, High Regional Court, Düsseldorf

Florence Hartmann-Vareilles, Head of Section, European Business Law, Trier

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Professor Duncan Matthews, Chair in Intellectual Property Law, Queen Mary University of London

David Musker, Partner, RGC Jenkins & Co., London

Vicki Salmon, Solicitor and Patent Attorney, IP Asset, Chair of the CIPA Litigation Committee, London

Tony Tangena, President, European Patent Institute, Munich

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