

Patent litigation and procedures

IP training for national judges seminar series

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Draft programme

Monday, 4 June

- 09.00 Registration
- 09.15 **Welcome and opening**

Session I – Overview and general issues

- 09.30 **The importance of intellectual property, in particular patents, to innovation and economic growth: the landscape in Europe**
- 10.15 Coffee Break
- 10.45 **Patent granting procedure and patentability requirements in Europe**
- 12.15 Lunch

Session II – Issues related to patent infringement

- 13.30 **The scope of protection: article 69 EPC**
 - The role of patent claims, the specification as a whole, literal infringement, and the doctrine of equivalents in practice
- 14.45 Coffee break
- 15.15 **Practical workshop session on the scope of protection**
- 16.45 End of day
- 19.30 Seminar dinner

Tuesday, 5 June

Session III - Defences and procedural issues

- 09.30 **Defences in patent suits**
 - Nullity/revocation: Procedural and substantive issues
 - Prior user issues: Evidential matters and the right to continue use

10.45 Coffee break

11.05 **Defences in patent suits (cont'd)**

- Provisional and precautionary measures: Different types and their uses
- Remedies

12.00 **Future procedures: Proposals for the Unitary Patent Court**

12.15 Lunch

Session IV - Mock trial

13.30 **The “Safety walker” case**

16.00 **Evaluation session and closing of seminar**

16.30 **End of seminar**