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21 May 2015 09.00

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12 CPD HOURS

THE ART OF EUROPEAN CLAIM DRAFTING

Featuring Chemical and Mechanical Workshops



To be covered at this seminar:

- Patentable inventions
- State of the art
- Sufficiency of disclosure
- Claim drafting
- The description and drawings
- The priority year and PCT applications
- Selection inventions (chemical workshop)
- Functional claiming (mechanical workshop)
- Achieving adequate protection
- Differences between European and US Patent applications

Seminar Leaders:

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WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

- Gain a good understanding of the principles of the drafting process
- Develop your drafting skills and understand the fundamentals of European claim drafting
- Successfully prepare and defend claims according to European practice
- Achieve adequate protection while meeting official requirements

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Trainee patent attorneys - preparing short or long term to qualify
- Patent attorneys in private practice
- Corporate patent attorneys and lawyers
- People working or training in intellectual property

ATTENDANCE FOR THIS SEMINAR IS

LIMITED TO 24 PLACES - This is due to the practical nature of the seminar. Early booking is recommended.

SEMINAR LEADERS

Joeri Beetz is a Dutch and European Patent Attorney working in the Belgium based European patent department of CNH Industrial. He has many years of experience in drafting, amending and opposing patent applications in both private practice and industry. Joeri also is an experienced tutor for the EQE exam.

Leythem Wall is a Chartered UK Patent Attorney, a European Patent Attorney, a Chartered Chemist and a European Chemist and works in the London office of the international law firm Finnegan. As such, he works closely with colleagues outside of Europe and has a good understanding of patent law in a number of jurisdictions and particularly the United States.

ACCREDITATION

This seminar merits **12 hours** under the **UK Solicitors Regulation Authority self-accreditation scheme (ref. CJA/MAFO)** and may also be relevant training under the **IPReg CPD self-accreditation scheme**.

DOCUMENTATION

Attendees will receive a course material folder containing comprehensive documentation provided by the seminar leaders, which will be a valuable source of reference for the future.

A Certificate of Attendance for Professional Development will be given to each participant who completes the seminar

Programme

PROGRAMME – DAY ONE

Led by Joeri Beetz and Leythem Wall

- 09.30 ► **Preliminary Considerations**
 - Collecting/selecting information
 - Understanding the invention and the prior art
 - Detecting and creating novelty associated with the solution to a technical problem
 - Claim drafting as a dynamic process
- 10.30 ► **Coffee**
- 10.45 ► **Fundamentals Underlying Claim Drafting**
 - The claim as a definition
 - Novelty
 - Inventive step
 - Clarity and essential features
 - Claim formats
 - Sets of claims
- 11.45 ► **The Description**
 - Structure and content
 - Tuning the introduction with the claims
 - Background of the invention
 - Setting up the problem solved
 - Advantages associated with the solution
- 12.45 ► **Lunch**
- 13.45 ► **Evolution and Interpretation of Claims**
 - Amendments when refiling under priority
 - Amendments during prosecution
 - Amendments after grant
 - Interpretation during pendency of the application and post-grant
- 15.00 ► **Tea**
- 15.15 ► **General Considerations**
 - The importance of the client's policies and instructions
 - Claim styles resulting from different policies and traditions
 - The emergence of a European claim drafting practice
 - Impact of the case law of the Boards of Appeal
 - Compatibility with the PCT
 - Comparison with US practice
- 16.45 ► **End of Day One**

PROGRAMME - DAY TWO

Attendees have the choice of a chemical or mechanical workshop

CHEMICAL WORKSHOP - Led by Leythem Wall

- 09.00 ► **Patentable Inventions**
 - Different types of chemical inventions
 - Exceptions to patentability
- **State of the Art**
 - What is the prior art?
 - Deciding what is the invention
- **Claim Drafting – Part 1**
 - Category of claims
 - Form of claims
 - Number of claims
- 10.30 ► **Coffee**
- 10.45 ► **Drafting the Description - Part 1**
 - Background and summary of the invention
 - How much to include in your application and determining when to file
 - Basis for amendments after filing
- **Claim and Description Drafting Part 2 - Do's and Don'ts**
 - Added matter considerations
 - Disclaimers
 - Selection inventions
 - Parameters
 - Double patenting
 - Toxic divisionals, toxic priorities
- **PCT Applications**
 - Adding data
 - Description
 - Amending the claims
 - Maintaining your priority claim
- **'Global' Patent Applications**
 - Differences and compromises
- 13.00 ► **Lunch**
- 14.00 ► **Claim Drafting Exercise Part 1**
 - Theoretical case study in three parts

CHEMICAL WORKSHOP *Continued*

- 15.00 ► **Tea**
- 15.15 ► **Claim Drafting Exercise Parts 2 and 3**
- 17.00 ► **End of Workshop**

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MECHANICAL WORKSHOP -

Led by Joeri Beetz

- 09.00 ► **Preparation Phase**
 - Closest prior art selection
 - Novel and inventive features
 - Claim categories, technical fields
- **Claim Sketching**
 - Requirements of a patent
 - Novelty
 - Inventive step
 - Clarity
 - Essential features
- 10.30 ► **Coffee**
- 10.45 ► **Claim Drafting**
 - Functional claiming
 - Mere juxtaposition of features
 - One and two part claims
 - Scope of protection. How broad?
- **Dependent Claims**
 - Claim trees
 - Claim dependencies
- 13.00 ► **Lunch**
- 14.00 ► **Drafting the Description**
 - Support inventive step
 - Create fall-back positions
- 15.00 ► **Tea**
- 15.15 ► **Exercises**
- 17.00 ► **End of Workshop**