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# **IP DUE DILIGENCE**

# Topics to be covered include:

- The Organisation of an IP Due Diligence Project:
  - o The nature of the deal
  - o The acquisition process
  - o Developing comprehensive checklists
  - Pieces of a Due Diligence Evaluation:
    - o Evaluating the patent portfolio
    - o Evaluating the trade mark portfolio
    - o Mitigation of risk
    - o Impacts on the value of the deal

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# FREEDOM TO OPERATE -

# Topics to be covered include:

- Best practices for setting up and conducting a Freedom to Operate analysis
- Validity and infringement analysis European and US perspectives
- Use of post-grant procedures under the AIA
- Wrestling the Chinese dragon
- FTO risks: never black and white
  - Litigation planning in the context of FTO

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# **IP DUE DILIGENCE** 9 July 2015 - Ref: H7-3115

### WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

- Gain practical advice from highly-rated experts on how
   best to prepare for your due diligence project
- Learn to identify when a due diligence project is desirable and how to determine what its scope should be
- Discuss how to evaluate the patent and trade mark
   portfolios to ensure as much transparency as possible
- Improve your understanding of the risks around ownership and learn how to minimise these risks
- Communicate due diligence results effectively whilst protecting confidential and privileged information
- Understand your obligations if the deal doesn't go through

# WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Patent attorneys
- Trade mark attorneys
- · Business development executives/managers
- Licensing executives
- Investment bankers
- Venture capitalists

### IN THE CHAIR

*Lori-Ann Johnson* is a Shareholder of Chamberlain Hrdlicka, based in their Atlanta office.

### **SPEAKERS**

*Patrick Duxbury* is a Partner at Wragge Lawrence Graham & Co, London.

*Kevin Fournier* is a Senior Attorney in IBM's Intellectual Property Law Department in the UK.

*Nancy Gardner* is a Shareholder at Chamberlain Hrdlicka, based in their Atlanta office.

*Timothy May* is a Partner in the Washington, DC office of Finnegan LLP.

*Darren Murley* is a patent attorney with Page White and Farrer, London.

Nicola Russell is an Associate at Bristows LLP, London.

# PROGRAMME

### 09.30 Introduction

### 09.35 ► Beginning Due Diligence - The practical problems *Timothy May, Finnegan LLP* Understanding the business goals

- Practical issues regarding accessing information
- Privilege and confidentiality issues
- Developing a comprehensive due diligence checklist to determine project scope under different deal conditions and budgets

### 10.00 Conducting a Due Diligence project

- Darren Murley, Page White and Farrer
- Changing role of IP Risk factor to deal driver?
- Identifying or assessing IPR assets for the transaction
- Balancing need for information with risk of uncovering negative information
- Doing your homework in due diligence, risk allocation, strategies and planning

### 11.00 **Coffee**

- 11.15 Evaluating the patent portfolio: Claim construction, term, validity and enforceability Patrick Duxbury, Wragge Lawrence Graham & Co
  - Do the patent claims actually cover the product and is anyone infringing?
  - Do the patents have sufficient term for an adequate financial return and are they valid?
  - What are the risks of invalidity or unenforceability in different jurisdictions?
  - Is confidential information important?
- 12.00 ► Ownership and joint ownership of patents, trade marks and copyrights Lori-Ann Johnson, Chamberlain Hrdlicka
  - The risks of joint ownership
  - Variation of rights of joint owners
  - Investigating inventorship of patents to assess ownership risks

12.30 **Lunch** 

#### 13.45 Evaluating the trade mark portfolio Nancy Gardner, Chamberlain Hrdlicka

- Ownership, scope, validity and enforceability of trade marks
- Ability to expand the use and registration of marks
- Legal claims and enforcement activities
   pertaining to the marks

### 14.30 Mitigation of Risk

- Nicola Russell, Bristows LLP
  - Real examples will be used and discussed to illustrate the types of risks that generally arise and how to restructure or end a deal which carries significant risk:
  - o How much risk is too much?
  - o What if you are asked to make the deal happen even if the risk is high?
  - o Can you mitigate that risk?
- 15.30 🕨 Tea

# 15.45 ► Communicating results, preparing the deal documents, and post acquisition issues *Kevin Fournier, IBM United Kingdom Ltd*

- Confidentiality obligations if the deal doesn't go through
- Handling negative information
- What obligations remain if the deal is successful?
- Practical aspects of file retention
- 16.15 ► Avoiding risks and common pitfalls of a due diligence project - A Panel Discussion Moderator: Timothy May, Finnegan LLP Panel: Darren Murley, Patrick Duxbury, Lori-Ann Johnson, Kevin Fournier, Nancy Gardner and Nicola Russel/
  - The effect of licenses on the deal o Licenses in
    - o Licenses out
  - Can risks be mitigated?
  - Commonly encountered problems

17.15 End of seminar

# **FREEDOM TO OPERATE - A practical guide** 10 July 2015 - Ref: H7-3215

### WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

- Be prepared for the FTO questions that will be raised by your client/company when they want to use new technology or expand existing technology
- Understand which FTO questions you should ask, to make the most of your time and budget
- Discuss best practices for setting up and conducting a thorough analysis
- Gain valuable insight into infringement and validity analysis in Europe and the US
- Take away practical advice on leveraging the European and US systems to your advantage
- Learn to evaluate, minimise and communicate risk effectively

# WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Patent attorneys with little or no experience of Freedom to Operate
- In-house members of patent departments and R&D departments
- Business development professionals
- Others wanting to learn more or refresh their knowledge of Freedom to Operate

This seminar will be of particular interest to delegates from the chemical, pharmaceutical and biotech industries but will also be relevant to those outside these industries.

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Kevin Fournier is an Intellectual Property Lawyer at IBM United Kingdom Ltd.

Timothy May is a Partner in the Washington, DC office of Finnegan LLP.

John Nevard is Director, Intellectual Property, for Cambridge Display Technology Ltd (CDT).

Benjamin Schröer is Counsel at Hogan Lovells Intellectual Property Law Group in Munich.

# PROGRAMME

09.30 ►	Introduction		Looking at possible damages
	<ul> <li>Best practices for setting up and conducting a Freedom to Operate analysis Lori-Ann Johnson, Chamberlain Hrdlicka</li> <li>Understanding what products and processes need to be cleared</li> <li>Timing and scope of the project, including geographic considerations</li> <li>Defining the search - common pitfalls</li> <li>Result analysis</li> <li>Understanding the business goals and effectively communicating risks</li> </ul>	12.30 ► 13.30 ►	<ul> <li>Design around or licensing?</li> <li>Reporting risks to business group</li> <li>Lunch</li> </ul>
10.15 ►	<ul> <li>Vital aspects of infringement and validity analysis - US perspective <i>Timothy May, Finnegan LLP</i></li> <li>Validity and infringement analysis - tactics for "triage" on the FTO search results</li> <li>The correct interpretation of claims in the US including differences between the courts and the USPTO</li> <li>Pros and cons, recent trends, and statistical results</li> <li>Cost effective approach for dealing with willful infringement and opinions on potentially problematic or "blocking" patents</li> </ul>	14.15 ►	<ul> <li>Wrestling the Chinese dragon John Nevard, Cambridge Display Teo</li> <li>IP Landscape in China</li> <li>Strategies used by Chinese compa leverage IP</li> <li>Chinese FTO: <ul> <li>Effective FTO strategies</li> <li>Conducting searches for China</li> <li>Continous monitoring</li> <li>The 'language issue' (using Chinese</li> <li>Strategic options for specialist su</li> <li>Handling obstructive IP</li> <li>Chinese weapons</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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11.20 ►	<ul> <li>Vital aspects of infringement and validity analysis - European perspective</li> <li>Benjamin Schröer, Hogan Lovells International LLP</li> <li>Infringement: How are claim construction and infringement analysis approached in Germany?</li> <li>Validity: Where are the critical differences in approach across Europe and in the EPO?</li> </ul>	15.45 ►	<ul> <li>Corporate woes: timing, staffing an <i>Kevin Fournier, IBM United Kingdom</i></li> <li>What projects require FTOs – an In perspective</li> <li>Can FTOs be done by in-house sta</li> <li>When do you need outside counsel</li> <li>How do you budget for FTOs?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Why does the application of the same substantive law not necessarily lead to the same result?</li> <li>Injunctions and damage scenarios following a finding of infringement</li> </ul>	16.30 ►	Practical consideration, a Due Dilig pattern <i>Kevin Fournier, Lori-Ann Johnson,</i> <i>May, John Nevard and Benjamin Sc</i> • Test your Freedom to Operate know
12.10 ►	<ul> <li>FTO risks: Never black and white Lori-Ann Johnson, Chamberlain Hrdlicka</li> <li>Quantifying the risk of third-party patents</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>fact pattern</li> <li>Discuss with the panel practical cor for attacking the issues presented</li> </ul>

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