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5-6 December 2016 - Ref: 9600
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Registration and refreshments: 09.00
Day one

Start: 09.30 Finish: 17.00
Day two start: 09.00 Finish: 17.00

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Topics covered at this seminar:

- Legal framework
- AIA overview
- US patent prosecution
- Enablement
- Definiteness
- Novelty and prior art
- Obviousness
- Provisional and continuing applications
- USPTO programs
- Duty of candor
- Infringement
- Patent litigation and damages



Expert faculty:

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'Educative, informative and worth attending'

'Great speakers, great venue and brilliant conference staff'

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Why you should attend

- The differences between US and European practice will be highlighted, providing a better understanding of the US system, and enabling you to work more effectively with your US counterparts
- Gain an update on the latest state of US Patent Law, including the latest legislative changes under the America Invents Act, recent and pending US Supreme and other Court decisions of importance, and current happenings in the USPTO
- Take away specification and claim drafting tips to give your application a solid footing for US prosecution and enforcement
- Take advantage of the open seminar environment that results in a high degree of interaction with the seminar leaders and among the participants; bring your particular questions and concerns for discussion

Who should attend?

- Corporate Patent Counsel
- Patent Attorneys from corporate and private practice
- Intellectual Property Consultants
- Patent Managers and Engineers
- Company Legal Advisers
- All those involved with patent protection in the United States

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Expert faculty



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Programme

Day one

- 09:00** ▶ **Registration and refreshments**
- 09:30** ▶ **Introduction to the seminar**
 - ▶ **Legal framework**
 - Statutes and rules
 - Courts and agencies
 - ▶ **AIA overview / claim construction**
 - *Phillips* - broad multifaceted inquiry
 - Claim constructions rules and guidelines
 - Claim construction in the USPTO
- 11:00** ▶ **Refreshments**
- 11:15** ▶ **US patent prosecution - general flow**
 - ▶ **Written description**
 - 'Possession' of claimed invention
 - Ariad - increased focus on what inventors actually did
 - ▶ **Enablement**
 - *Wards* factors - to show whether amount of experimentation necessary would be 'undue'
 - Interplay with written description requirement
 - ▶ **Best mode**
 - Effect of the AIA
- 12:30** ▶ **Lunch**
- 13:30** ▶ **Definiteness**
 - *Nautilus* - the 'reasonable certainty' standard
 - USPTO practice
- ▶ **Means-plus-function claiming**
- ▶ **Statutory subject matter**
 - Supreme Court jurisprudence
 - USPTO guidance
- 14:45** ▶ **Refreshments**
- 15:00** ▶ **Utility**
- ▶ **Patent Law Treaty implementation**
- ▶ **Novelty and prior art**
 - Pre-AIA - 'first to invent'
 - Post-AIA - 'first to file'
- 17:00** ▶ **Close of day one**

Day two

- 08:30** ▶ **Refreshments**
- 09:00** ▶ **Novelty/prior art (if necessary)**
 - ▶ **Obviousness**
 - *Graham* and KSR
 - USPTO practice - *prima facie obviousness*
 - ▶ **Refreshments**
 - ▶ **Obviousness (continued)**
 - ▶ **Provisional applications**
 - Pre-AIA vs. Post-AIA
 - ▶ **Continuing applications**
 - Continuations, divisionals, continuations-in-part
- 10:30** ▶ **Lunch**
- 12:30** ▶ **Restriction practice**
 - Restriction vs. Election of Species
 - Rejoinder
- ▶ **Patent term and PTA**
- ▶ **Obviousness - type double patenting**
 - *Gilead* cases
 - Terminal disclaimers
- ▶ **USPTO programs**
 - Terminal disclaimers
- ▶ **Patent Law Treaty Implementation**
- ▶ **Obviousness - type double patenting**
 - Accelerated examination, track one, patent prosecution highway
 - First action interview, after-final consideration, pre-appeal brief request for review pilot programs
- ▶ **Duty of candor**
 - Citation of references
 - Inequitable conduct
- ▶ **Inventorship**
- 14:45** ▶ **Refreshments**
- 15:00** ▶ **Post-issuance practice**
 - Re-examination and re-issue
 - *Inter partes* review, post-grant review, covered business method review
- ▶ **Infringement**
 - Direct infringement
 - Contributory infringement and inducement
 - Extraterritorial infringement
- ▶ **Doctrine of equivalents**
 - Function/way/result test
 - *Festo* - prosecution history estoppel
- ▶ **Willfulness**
 - Opinions
- ▶ **Declaratory judgment**
- ▶ **Patent litigation and damages**
- 17:00** ▶ **Close of course**