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- Status of "Unitary Patent" and UPC
- European Patent with Unitary Effect
- **■** Unified Patent Court
- Comparison: National Courts vs. UPC
- Opt out in detail

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Everything you need to know for your decision whether to opt out your patents from the UPC

AGENDA

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES The future Unified Patent Court (UPC) will have jurisdiction over not only European Patents "with Unitary Effect", but also over traditional European Patents without this effect. If a patent owner wishes to avoid such jurisdiction, they have to "opt out" for the patents they wish to reserve for the national courts.

This seminar will give practitioners an understanding of the future "European Patent with Unitary Effect" and the Unified Patent Court (UPC). On the basis of a comparison between the present and the future system, this seminar will prepare attendees for their decision of whether or not to opt out. The attendees will learn about possible criteria for their decisionmaking and will discuss different case studies. Furthermore, they will be given key information on the procedure, deadlines, preparation and execution of an opt out.

The seminar will be held in English. Attendees are invited to ask questions and discuss possible solutions to their problems.

Status of the "Unitary Patent" and the Unified Patent Court

- Number of Ratifications
- Consequences of Brexit
- Timeline

European Patent with Unitary Effect

- Legal basis
- Grant of the patent
- Applicable law
- Scope of protection

Unified Patent Court

- Structure and Jurisdiction
- Introduction to Rules of Procedure
- Official languages to be used, judges to be expected
- Transitional period

Comparison: National Courts vs. UPC

- Duration of proceedings
- Costs and reimbursement of costs
- How "good" will the Unified Patent Court work?



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YOUR EXPERT

Opt out in detail

- Procedure, deadlines
- Importance of the "sunrise period"
- Preparing the Opt out
 - Jointly owned patents
 - Many licensees
 - Registered vs. real owner of the patent
 - Authorization to file the opt out declaration
 - UPC database management system
 - Withdrawal of opt out, second opt out?
- Strategy and possible criteria for your decision
 - Strength of patent
 - "If in doubt, opt out"

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Members of Corporate Patent, IP and R&D departments
- Inhouse Legal Counsels
- Patent Attorneys
- Representatives before the EPO
- IPR Attorneys and external Counsels

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GERMAN AND UPC PATENT INFRINGEMENT LITIGATION PROCEEDINGS

22 - 24 November 2017 in Munich Seminar code: 17 11 GP160

- Substantive law
- Strategic and prejudicial apects
- Patent infringement litigation
- Comparison between the German and the future UPC system
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- Dr. Klaus Grabinski Judge, German Federal Court of Justice (Bundesgerichtshof), Karlsruhe
- Gabriele Mohsler Vice President Patent Development at IPR & Licensing, Ericsson, Stockholm
- Dr. Matthias Zigann Presiding Judge, Regional Court Munich I (Landgericht München I)

ANY QUESTIONS?

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