
Agenda

Monday, October 13, 2025

6:00pm – 8:00pm Welcome Reception

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

8:45am Welcome Remarks

9:00am UPC Actions in Global Cases and Interaction with National Courts

Join this panel of global experts as they review the current state of, and potential trends evolving within, the Unified Patent Court (UPC). This panel will review UPC structure and procedure, while exploring its role relative to other jurisdictions such as the EPO and National Courts. The discussion will address key areas of current interest, including validity (e.g., inventive step), infringement (e.g., imminent infringement), and remedies (e.g., preliminary injunctions). The interplay of the UPC in concurrent proceedings will also be addressed, such as parallel EPO opposition proceedings, proceedings before National Courts, and proceedings before the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU).

Moderator: Patrick Keane, Executive Shareholder, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC
Klaus Grabinski, Judge, President of the Court of Appeal and
Chairperson of the Presidium of the Unified Patent Court
Johannes Druschel, Partner, Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner LLP
Kimberly Schmitt, Director of Patent Litigation, Intel Corporation
Tess Waldron, Partner, Powell Gilbert

10:00am Developments in Pharma Law

This panel will examine whether current trends in legislation and case law indicate a shift towards favoring generic and fast-follower entry, thereby narrowing the scope of exclusivity for innovators.

Key developments under discussion include the proposed EU regulations on the Unitary SPC (patent term extension), SPC waivers and compulsory licensing, as well as case law restricting the scope of pharmaceutical patents due the lack of enablement (*Amgen v. Sanofi*) and lack of plausibility (*G 2/21*).

The discussion will explore whether these changes will enhance access to medicines or risk undermining incentives for innovation.

Moderator: Ute Kilger, European Patent and Trademark Attorney, Boehmert & Boehmert
Jimena Aburto Guevara, Legal and Compliance Senior Counsel, Novo Nordisk
Penny Gilbert, Partner, Powell Gilbert
Joe Reisman, Partner, Knobbe Martens
Corey Salsberg, VP, Global Head IP Affairs, Novartis
Alexandra Yang, Partner and Co-Chair, Fangda Law

11:00am – 11:15am Networking Break

11:15am European IPR Enforcement Directive

Adopted in 2004 and due for implementation by 29 April 2006, the Directive on the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRED) obliges Member States to ensure effective, dissuasive, and proportionate civil remedies through a harmonised toolbox. Nearly two decades on, this panel re-examines IPRED's scope and core instruments through the prism of real litigation outcomes across the EU.

Moderator: Melanie Müller, Attorney at Law, Boehmert & Boehmert

Marcos Fraile Bermejo, Legal Director, DLA Piper

Peter Camesasca, Partner, Camesasca BV

Justyna Rasiewicz, Partner, Rasiewicz & Associates

Rafal Sikorski, Professor, SMM Legal, Adam Mickiewicz University

Claudia Zeri, Attorney at Law, Coupriy

12:15pm – 1:15pm Lunch

1:15pm Pros and Cons of Bifurcated Systems

This panel will discuss how different jurisdictions approach the bifurcation of infringement from questions of invalidity and damages/remedies. The panelists will analyze the efficiencies and inefficiencies bifurcation can create, the complex issues of estoppel and preclusion that bifurcation can lead to, and how bifurcation impacts litigation strategies. The discussion will also include insight on how to approach bifurcated issues when parties are engaged in multiple proceedings, as well as proposed legislation in the United States that could impact these issues.

Moderator: Manny Caixeiro, Partner, Venable LLP

Rudy Kim, Partner, Paul Hastings LLP

Seong-Soo Park, Partner, Kim & Chang

Kevin Scott, Licensing Program Leader Cellular Handsets/TV/STB, Philips IP&S

Sheila Swaroop, Partner, Knobbe Martens

2:15pm International Trade and Treaties

This panel will explore recent developments and trends in international trade. Topics will include the future and dynamics of the US-Mexico-Canada (USMCA) agreement, which is subject to a joint review to be completed July 2026; the latest tariff and trade negotiations and agreements between the US and its trading partners, and between China and the EU; and developments and impact of changes in EU leadership, including in the areas of Defense, Work Force policy, and Industrial policy.

Moderator: Jonathan Spadt, Shareholder, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC

Jimmie V. Reyna, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Clark Cheney, Chief Judge, United States International Trade Commission

Nik Purcell, Partner, Gowling WLG

Devin S. Sikes, Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

9:00am Judicial Perspectives on Intellectual Property Litigation in a Globalized Innovation Landscape

This session will feature distinguished jurists from several jurisdictions sharing their perspectives on the evolving landscape of intellectual property litigation around the world. The jurists will discuss the unique role of specialized intellectual property tribunals and their comparative approaches for addressing validity, infringement, and remedies. The session will also explore the role of experts in various jurisdictions and offer practical insights into judicial management of global proceedings. Attendees will have a unique opportunity to hear directly from jurists about current trends, challenges, and best practices shaping intellectual property disputes that increasingly span across multiple jurisdictions.

Moderator: Jason Romrell, Partner, Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner LLP
Kimberly A. Moore, Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
Rodney Gilstrap, Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
Ángel Galgo Peco, President of Chamber No 32, Court of Appeal of Madrid
Taeksoo Jung, Presiding Judge, IP High Court Korea
Dennis Kretschmann, Technically Qualified Judge, Unified Patent Court

10:00am IP and Legal Issues That Can Arise From Events Such as the World Cup 2026

Overview of different IP rights and related rights that will be important to consider during this event in Mexico, the USA, and Canada. Parties are invited to discuss their governance tools and teams to safeguard event and sponsors' IP; their pre-emptive and event-day playbook against counterfeits and ambush (including information policies, tools to monitor and take down, agreed timings, established cooperation/communication channels, etc.); sponsors' expectations; review outside counsel pre-emptive measures and event day plans as well as their experience with ambush and sensitivities of the courts to this form of IP infringement. Finally we may tackle ticketing issues (unauthorized sales, resale and fake tickets) and how to address the issue from an IP perspective.

Moderator: Laura Alonso, Partner, Hoyng Rokh Monegier
José Arochi, Partner, Arochi & Lindner
Lynn Carillo, Director of Commercial Legal, FIFA
Meggane Grand, Commercial Director, CA Sports Marketing

11:00am – 11:15am Networking Break

11:15am Protecting Trademarks and Trade Dress

The panel will include a range of topics related to trademark and trade dress issues in the U.S., U.K., Canada, Brazil, and E.U., including conference host country Spain. These topics include efforts at harmonization as well as notable divergences in the law; the use of trademark and trade dress law in the areas of fast fashion and sports; and remedies such as injunctions and damages, including forfeiture of profits. The discussion promises to include entertaining examples from actual cases.

Moderator: Matthias Kamber, Partner, Paul Hastings LLP
Amos Mazzant, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
Gustavo Martín, Judge, Commercial Court n.1 of Alicante
Nuno Pires de Carvalho, Partner, Licks Attorneys
Jeremy Want, Principal, Smart & Biggar LLP

12:15pm **Lunch**

1:15pm **Developments in SEP Litigation**

This panel will explore the latest developments involving standard essential patent (“SEP”) litigation and enforcement. We will discuss the differing remedies, trends, and litigation options that are available across the top jurisdictions for SEP enforcement, including Europe, UK, China, US, and Brazil. For example, the UPC has now been issuing FRAND-related decisions for almost a year, and we will discuss the latest trends in the UPC’s approach to injunctions and FRAND litigation. We will also discuss the impact of interim licenses available in UK courts on SEP litigation and enforcement strategies, as well as what the recent *Optis v Apple* decision. Finally, we will touch on the different approaches to remedies, discovery, and the availability world-wide rate-setting in the different top SEP jurisdictions, and the implications or judicial considerations involved adjudicating or deciding issues with a potential global reach on a national or regional basis.

Moderator: Chris Burrell, Partner, Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP
Sharon Prost, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
Lucy Flaim, Associate, Bird & Bird LLP
Chris Longman, Vice President, Legal Counsel, Qualcomm
Rui Luo, Partner, Han Kun Law Offices
Roberto Rodrigues, Partner, RNA Law

2:15pm **Current EU Legislative Initiatives in IP regulations, EU perspectives in IP law**

In the European Union, both on EU level and in discussions with member countries, various further initiatives of EU are going through intensive discussion of the interested public. One is, what possibly could be done in relation to de-bureaucratizing patent procedures to the extent of making technology transfer easier, cheaper, and, also, how by harmonization of certain national and international procedural rules a further harmonized closing reducing of the “injunction gap” between patent litigation and invalidity procedures both on EU level and in certain countries, like Germany, could be achieved.

Insofar, in particular the pending public discussion of the proposed rules of practice for mediation and arbitration of PMAC (based on UPC-developments) may possibly help to enable the UPC, assisted by PMAC, to help in relation to technology transfer disputes concerning both patents and trade secret measures, including training data for generative AI.

Earlier considerations of DG GROW as well as of certain member countries, like Germany, concerning usefulness of boosting LOR systems in order to get cheaper ways available for FRAND licensing on one side and on the other side helping to solve the enablement problem of many patents not containing sufficient information for the ordinary person skilled in the art to exercise the patent could be solved.

Looking forward, the panel will engage with current reform debates, both on EU and member state basis (like in Germany) for a more flexible, balanced enforcement architecture and will promote proportionality considerations particularly with regard to injunctive relief questions.

Moderator: Heinz Goddar, European Patent and Trademark Attorney, Boehmert & Boehmert
Christoph Bartos, Member of the Board of Appeal, European Union Intellectual Property Office
Cintia Bernhardt, Counsel, Bird & Bird LLP
Jan Bösing, Partner, Bardehle Pagenberg
Álvaro Velázquez, Partner, Hoyng Rokh Monegier

3:15pm – 4:30pm

Reception

Thursday, October 16, 2025

9:00am

Strategies for Protecting Innovations During the Fourth Industrial Revolution: Patents, Copyrights, Trade Secrets

Our discussion will focus mainly on strategies for protecting innovations that involve AI, which is producing more content and being used more by inventors today, and which will be far more prevalent in the future. The panel will explore various protection options and explain why strategies for protecting innovations involving AI have to be multifaceted and can include all methods for protecting innovation, including cybersecurity protections. A practical and jurisprudential comparison among the US, EU, Canada, UK and China examining how those seeking to protect AI generated content and inventions do so in those jurisdictions will be covered.

The panel will identify significant considerations and challenges in various jurisdictions, and the pros and cons of patent, copyright and trade secrets protection in each area. A comparison and contrast of the similarities and differences in the jurisdictions will include a high-level examination of USPTO v. EPO v. China requirements for AI involved patents, US, EU and other nation's copyright directives, decisions, and pronouncements involving AI, and an overview of the DTSA and EU 2016 Trade Secrets Directive and other nation's directives in the context of proprietary information involving AI.

Finally, the panel will touch on the role of cybersecurity, which is a necessary tool in the protection arsenal since AI is both a powerful tool for attackers as well as a "game-changer" for enhanced cybersecurity defense.

Moderator: Claudia Frost, Partner, Steptoe
Toby Bond, Partner, Bird & Bird LLP
Kevin Duan, Partner, Han Kun Law Offices
Philip Hirschhorn, Partner, Panitch Law
Laurent Massam, Partner, Gowling WLG

10:00am Developments in Spanish Patent Litigation

This panel will examine key developments in Spanish patent litigation. The discussion will examine the impact of the exclusive jurisdiction granted in 2023 to the Court of Appeal of Madrid (Section 32) over appeals from decisions issued by the Spanish Patent Office. The session will also address preliminary injunctions and preventive briefs following the Supreme Court's Order of 24 April 2024 in the Apixaban case. Among other issues, the panel will discuss how the filing of a preventive brief affects the jurisdiction of the court in a request for a preliminary injunction and the application for an anti-suit injunction under Spanish law. In addition, the panel will highlight landmark decisions—especially in the pharmaceutical sector—to illustrate the influence of Spanish courts in global patent disputes. The discussion will also consider the impact of parallel litigation outside Spain and explore strategies for patent litigation within Spain and the EU.

Co-moderator: Greg Gramenopoulos, Partner, Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner LLP

Co-moderator: Oriol Ramon, Partner, Vidal Quadras

Florencio Molina, Judge, Commercial Court No. 5 of Barcelona

Beatriz Díaz de Escauriaza, Head of Legal, Insud Pharma

Raquel Sampedro, Deputy Assistant Director, Department of Patents and Technological Information,
Spanish Patent and Trademark Office

11:00am Closing Remarks