

Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and ePCT Seminar

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Program



✓ Morning Session

08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:15	Welcome Remarks
09:15 - 10:15	Session 1 PCT updates and recent developments; and Post-filing safeguards
10:15 - 11:00	Session 2 How to avoid common pitfalls for US practitioners
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 - 12:15	Session 3 US National Entry
12:15 - 1:45	Lunch Break

✓ Afternoon Session

01:45 - 2:30	Session 4 Best practices at the International Bureau
02:30 - 03:15	Session 5 Overview of ePCT WIPO's online system for filing and managing PCT applications
03:15 - 03:30	Coffee Break
03:30 - 05:00	Workshop Topic 1: ePCT hands-on training: how to best manage your PCT applications in ePCT Topic 2: Legal case study
05:00 - 05:15	Closing

NOTE: See next page for list of speakers and experts for every location

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Speakers | September Sessions



SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

12 September 2025 | Friday

Welcome Remarks

Mary Fuller

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Session 1

PCT updates and recent developments;
and Post-filing safeguards

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How to avoid common pitfalls
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US National Entry

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Best practices at the
International Bureau

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Session 5

Overview of ePCT WIPO's online
system for filing and managing
PCT applications

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Workshops

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28 October 2025 | Tuesday

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