Regional Seminar for Judges on Current Issues in Intellectual Property Rights

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PROGRAM

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**Tuesday, September 12, 2023**

7.30  Departure from Riga

11.00 – 11.20  Registration. Morning coffee

11.20 – 11.35  **OPENING CEREMONY**

Welcome addresses by:

Mr. Agris Batalauskis, Director, Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia (LPO), Riga
Ms. Inés Fernández Ulate, Legal Officer, WIPO Judicial Institute, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva, Switzerland

11.35 – 12.20  **Topic 1**  Review of the Recent Case Law of the Court of Justice of the European Union (EU)

Speaker:  Prof. Dr. Alexander von Mühlendahl, Attorney-at-Law, Bardehle Pagenberg, Munich, Germany

12.20 – 13.00  **Topic 2**  The Impact of the Metaverse on Intellectual Property (IP) (online)

Speaker:  Mr. Erling Vestergaard, IP Enforcement Expert, European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Rights, European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), Alicante, Spain

13.00  Group Photo

13.00 – 13.50  Lunch Break

13.50 – 14.30  **Topic 3**  Patent Law and its Limits

Speaker:  Justice Klaus Grabinski, President of the Unified Patent Court of Appeal, Luxembourg

14.30 – 15.00  **Topic 4**  Topical Issues in the Latvian Intellectual Property Case Law

Speaker:  Judge Zane Pētersone, Supreme Court of the Republic of Latvia, Riga

15.00 – 15.30  **Topic 5**  What a National Patent Judge should know about the Unified Patent Court (UPC)

Speaker:  Justice Klaus Grabinski

15.30 – 16.00  Coffee Break

16.00 – 16.40  **Topic 6**  Bad Faith in Trademark Registration
Speaker: Mr. Geoffrey Hobbs K.C., Barrister, One Essex Court, Temple, London, the United Kingdom; Senior Appointed Person Hearing Trade Mark Appeals from the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office, London

16.40 – 17.30 Topic 7 Bad Faith in Trademark Registration – Discussion
Moderator: Ms. Inés Fernández Ulate
Panelists: Judge Agnieszka Gołaszewska, Court of Appeal in Warsaw, VIIth Department of Commercial and Intellectual Property Law, Warsaw
Mr. Geoffrey Hobbs K.C.
Mr. Andrej Stec, Advisor, General Court of the European Union, Luxembourg
Judge Zane Pētersone

18.30 Visit of the Concert Hall “Lielais Dzintars”
19.00 Dinner

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

9.00 – 9.40 Topic 8 The Limits of Copyright Protection
Speaker: Judge Agnieszka Gołaszewska

9.40 – 10.10 Topic 9 The Rights of Stage Directors and other Creators in the Live Arts
Speaker: Ms. Christina Langer, Copyright Law Division, Copyright and Creative Industries Sector, WIPO, Geneva, Switzerland

10.10 – 10.40 Topic 10 Recent Case Law on the Principle of Exhaustion of IP Rights
Speaker: Ms. Inés Fernández Ulate

10.40 – 11.10 Coffee Break

11.10 – 11.40 Topic 11 “Characteristics” for the Purposes of the Descriptiveness Objection to Registration of Trademarks
Speaker: Mr. Geoffrey Hobbs K.C.

11.40 – 12.10 Topic 12 Evaluation of Distinctiveness for Shape Trademarks
Speaker: Mr. Andrej Stec

12.10 – 12.40 Topic 13 Internet and the Elements of Proof: E-evidence in Trademark Law
Speaker: Mr. Andrej Stec
12.40 – 13.10  **Topic 14**  
**Proof of Use of a Trademark in Respect of Goods and Services Concerned** (online)  
Speaker:  
Mr. Normunds Lamsters, Legal Officer, Boards of Appeal, EUIPO, Alicante, Spain

13.10 – 14.00  Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.00  **Topic 15**  
**Regional Outlook on Baltic IP Case Law**  
Moderator:  
Ms. Dace Liberte, Chairperson, Industrial Property Board of Appeal, LPO, Riga

Panelists:  
Judge Inga Krigena-Jurkāne, Riga City Court, Riga, Latvia  
Judge Asta Pikelienė, Civil Division, Vilnius Regional Court, Vilnius, Lithuania  
Judge Gea Lepik, Tallinn Circuit Court, Civil Chamber, Tallinn, Estonia  
Judge Jarosław Antoniuk, Circuit Court in Katowice, XXIV Intellectual Property Division, Katowice, Poland

15.00 – 15.30  **Topic 16**  
**Review of the Recent Case Law of the EUIPO Boards of Appeal** (online)  
Speaker:  
Mr. Normunds Lamsters

15.30 – 16.00  Final Discussion

**CLOSING CEREMONY**

16:00 – 16:30  Coffee Break before departure to Riga

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