Master Class on Intellectual Property Adjudication

– Judicial Perspectives

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PROGRAM

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Wednesday May 31, 2023

9.00 – 9.15  
**Welcome and Opening Addresses**

Eva Schewior, President, German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA)

Klaus Bacher, Presiding Judge, 10th Civil Senate, Federal Court of Justice of Germany

Gerald Rothe, Vice-President, Federal Patent Court of Germany

Eun-Joo Min, Director, WIPO Judicial Institute, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

9.15 – 9.30  
**Introduction of Participants**

9.30 – 10.10  
**Session 1. Judicial Dialogue Across National and Regional Systems**

- Engagement with foreign approaches and experiences as exchange
- Building a global network of IP judges

Klaus Bacher, Presiding Judge, 10th Civil Senate, Federal Court of Justice of Germany

Annabelle Bennett, Former Judge, Federal Court of Australia

Prathiba M. Singh, Justice, High Court of Delhi, India

10.10 – 10.30  

- Specialized patent judiciary
- Relationship between administrative proceedings in IP offices and judicial proceedings
- Relationship between validity and infringement proceedings (unified vs bifurcated systems)

Eun-Joo Min, Director, WIPO Judicial Institute

10.30 – 10.50  
**Coffee Break**

10.50 – 12.30  
**Session 3. Patentability**

- Patent eligibility
- Novelty
- Inventive step (standard of inventive step, e.g., “scintilla” vs a “quantum leap”)
- Types of patents (invention patents, utility models, design patents, etc)

*Overview (30 minutes)*

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

Gerald Rothe, Vice-President, Federal Patent Court of Germany

*Break-out discussion in groups (50 minutes)*
Reporting and summarizing analysis (20 minutes)

12.30 – 14.00  Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.30  Session 4. Infringement

- Claim construction
- Scope of claims and support in the specification
- Doctrine of equivalents
- Infringement analysis
- Defenses

Overview (20 minutes)

Rian Kalden, Presiding Judge, Second Panel of the Court of Appeal, Unified Patent Court; Senior Judge, Court of Appeal, The Hague, Netherlands

Prathiba M. Singh, Justice, High Court of Delhi, India

Break-out discussion in groups (50 minutes)

Reporting and summarizing analysis (20 minutes)

15.30 – 16.00  Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.00  Session 5. Pharmaceutical Patents

- Sufficiency and Plausibility
- Infringement of second medical use patents

Overview (30 minutes)

Ingo Beckedorf, Chair of the Legal Board of Appeal and Deputy of the President of the Boards of Appeal of the European Patent Office

Rian Kalden, Presiding Judge, Second Panel of the Court of Appeal, Unified Patent Court; Senior Judge, Court of Appeal, The Hague, Netherlands

Discussion (30 minutes)

18.00  Evening reception hosted by the Federal Ministry of Justice of Germany

Thursday June 1, 2023

9.00 – 10.30  Session 6. Patent Case Management (Part 1)

- Early case management
- Discovery and other ways of gathering of information
- Evidence and role of experts

Overview (15 minutes)

Annabelle Bennett, Former Judge, Federal Court of Australia

Break-out discussion in groups (50 minutes)

Reporting and summarizing analysis (25 minutes)
10.30 – 10.45  Coffee break

10.45 – 12.00  Session 7. Patent Case Management (Part 2)
   - Confidentiality
   - Summary proceedings

   Overview (15 minutes)

   Prathiba M. Singh, Justice, High Court of Delhi, India

   Break-out discussion in groups (40 minutes)

   Reporting and summarizing analysis (20 minutes)

12.00 – 13.30  Lunch Break

13.30 – 14.15  Session 8. Provisional Measures
   - Ex parte proceedings and the right to be heard
   - Degree of certainty that the patent is valid and infringed
   - Urgency

   Overview (20 minutes)

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

   Discussion (25 minutes)

14.15 – 15.00  Session 9. Remedies
   - Approaches to injunctive relief (injunctive relief as a rule or as an exception)
   - Assessment of damages
   - Other remedies
   - Costs (fee shifting)

   Overview (20 minutes)

   Klaus Bacher, Presiding Judge, 10th Civil Senate, Federal Court of Justice of Germany

   Discussion (25 minutes)

15.00 – 17.30  Visit to the Federal Patent Court of Germany

   Departure from DPMA to the Federal Patent Court (BPatG) (60 minutes)

   Visit and presentation of the BPatG (90 minutes)

17.30 – 22.00  Dinner at BMW Welt Restaurant Bavarie by Kaefer, hosted by the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA)

   Departure to restaurant (60 minutes)

   Dinner

22.00  Departure to the hotel
Friday June 2, 2023

9.00 – 10.45  **Session 10. Standard Essential Patents (SEPs)**

- Is the FRAND commitment of a SEP holder a matter of contract and/or competition law?
- How to assess the willingness of the SEP owner to grant a FRAND license (no hold up) and the willingness of the SEP implementer to take a FRAND license (no hold out)? How do these assessments affect the remedies available?
- How much discretion does a judge have to set a FRAND rate in view of the parties’ offers?
- Can a court-determined FRAND rate govern a global SEP portfolio? Which court has jurisdiction to decide on a global FRAND rate, and what are the limitations to that?

**Overview (45 minutes)**

Klaus Grabinski, President, Court of Appeal, Unified Patent Court

Andras Jokuti, Director, Patent and Technology Law Division, Patents and Technology Sector, WIPO

**Discussion (45 minutes)**

10.45 – 11.00  **Coffee Break**

11.00 – 11.45  **Session 11. Unified Patent Court**

Klaus Grabinski, President, Court of Appeal, Unified Patent Court

11.45 – 12.45  **Session 12. Judicial Role in Confronting the Increasing Interface of IP with Other Public interests**

- Interaction between IP rights and competition law
- Interaction with other public considerations (access to medicine v. incentive for innovation)

**Panel discussion**

All Faculty Members

12.45  **Closing**