WIPO Seminar on SEPs and Dispute Resolution

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DAY ONE *GAME ON – WIPO SEP Strategy in practice*

Opening

Mr. Andras Jokuti, Director, Patent and Technology Law Division, Patents and Technology Sector (WIPO)

Andras Jokuti is an intellectual property lawyer with domestic and international experience in public IP policy and university technology transfer.

Since January 2022, he is the Director of the Patent and Technology Law Division at WIPO. The division provides legislative assistance in the field of patents, administers certain patent-related international treaties, and works with WIPO's member states to promote the progressive development of the international patent system. The activities of the unit cover awareness raising and research in trade secret protection, as well as coordinating the implementation of WIPO's Strategy on Standard Essential Patents.

He is the former Director-General for Legal Affairs of the Hungarian IP Office (2017-18). During his 10 years at the office, he was dealing with legislative and policy matters for all IP titles, including representing the government position at various European and international expert and governance bodies.

As a Fulbright scholar, he obtained an LL.M. in IP Law (2015) at The George Washington University.

Between 2019 and 2021, he assisted the Budapest University of Technology and Economics to strengthen its IP and technology transfer operations.

Warm-up – WIPO SEP Strategy

Ms. Nina Belbl, Legal Officer, Patent and Technology Law Division, Patents and Technology Sector (WIPO)

Dr. Nina Belbl works on WIPO's initiatives relating to standard essential patents (SEPs) as a legal officer in the Patent and Technology Law Division. Her responsibilities include coordinating SEP policy work and providing expertise on standard essential patents. Further, Dr. Belbl contributes to WIPO's broader IP mission through legislative and policy advice to member states on patent law and by developing trade secret policy, including significantly contributing to the development of the WIPO Guide to Trade Secrets and Innovation.

Recognized in the 2026 IAM Strategy 300 – The World's Leading IP Strategists, Dr. Belbl brings both practical and academic experience to her work on SEPs. Her doctoral thesis at the University of Freiburg (Germany) examined strategic transfer of SEPs, providing theoretical foundation for her current policy work. Before joining WIPO in 2020, Dr. Belbl practiced patent litigation at a leading German patent litigation firm, focusing on the telecommunications and automotive sectors. Her work included multinational SEP litigation and connected car disputes.

WIPO's SEP Initiatives – Current Work

SPEAKERS

Ms. Magdalena Zelenkovska, Head, Patent Database Section, Global Databases Division, Infrastructure and Platforms Sector (WIPO)

Magdalena Zelenkovska serves as Head of the Patent Database Section at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), where she oversees PATENTSCOPE, WIPO's global patent database.

She previously served as Senior Patent Data Manager at WIPO, leading the data and analytics strategy for PATENTSCOPE. With close to 20 years of experience in patent information management, she has consistently delivered impactful data initiatives across the global patent ecosystem.

Throughout her career, she has fostered successful partnerships with more than 80 patent offices worldwide, along with various other partner organizations, all aimed at enhancing data accessibility and standardization. One of her recent contributions is to WIPO's SEP strategy, through the integration of standard essentiality information into PATENTSCOPE improving the platform's capability to support users in navigating the complex intersection of patents and technical standards.

Prior to her WIPO career, Magdalena applied her data expertise in the humanitarian sector. She holds a degree in electrical engineering and computer science and a post-graduate degree in information technology.

Mr. Ty Gray, Head, WIPO Lex, WIPO Judicial Institute, Copyright, Creative Economy and IP Governance Sector (WIPO)

Ty Gray is a national of the United States and admitted to the bar in New York. He holds a J.D from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law with a concentration in Intellectual Property and Communications Law, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Purdue University.

Since 2019, Ty has been the Head of WIPO Lex, the comprehensive, open and free global repository for current and historical IP laws, treaties, judgments and judicial systems information. Prior to this, Ty had worked for nearly ten years as a legal officer at the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center in its Domain Name Dispute Resolution Section. Ty has also worked in private practice at a boutique IP firm in Munich, Germany.

Mr. Carsten Fink, Chief Economist, Department for Economics and Data Analytics, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector (WIPO)

Carsten Fink is the Chief Economist of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva. Before joining WIPO, he was Professor of International Economics at the University of St. Gallen and Visiting Professor at Sciences Po in Paris. Earlier, he spent over a decade at the World Bank, serving as Senior Economist at the World Bank Institute and as Economist in the Trade Division of its research department in Washington, DC. His research—centered on intellectual property, innovation, and international trade—has been published in academic journals and books. He holds a doctorate in economics from the University of Heidelberg and a Master of Science in economics from the University of Oregon.

DAY TWO *DEEP DIVE – Judicial approaches*

Opening

Ms. Laura Peter, Deputy Director General, Patents and Technology Sector (WIPO)

Laura Peter serves as Deputy Director General of the Patents and Technology Sector at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), where she provides strategic leadership for the international patent system and for efforts to strengthen intellectual property systems worldwide. She leads the Sector's work administering and advancing WIPO's patent-related services, including the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), which enables innovators and businesses to seek patent protection in 159 Contracting States through a single international application. She also oversees the Sector's work with Member States and intellectual property offices to strengthen institutional capacity and patent systems, advance international cooperation, and develop sound legal and policy approaches to emerging and evolving technologies. Her portfolio spans the administration of the international patent system, capacity building and technical assistance, international policy development, and the evolving relationship between intellectual property and technological innovation.

A nationally and internationally recognized leader in intellectual property and innovation policy, Ms. Peter brings more than 30 years of executive, legal, and policy experience spanning government, industry, and academia. Her career has focused on the role of intellectual property in enabling innovation, technological progress, investment, and economic growth, with particular expertise in patent policy, technology commercialization, and the policy challenges presented by rapidly developing technologies.
Ms. Peter previously served as Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). As principal advisor to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, she co-led one of the world's largest intellectual property institutions, overseeing agency operations, a $3.5 billion annual budget, and a workforce of more than 13,000 employees. She directed national and international intellectual property policy initiatives, oversaw USPTO regional offices and global intellectual property attachés, and played a central role in shaping United States policy on emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and advanced manufacturing. She also served as a judge on matters before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board and the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

Before joining WIPO, Ms. Peter served as Executive Director of Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where she led the university's intellectual property, technology transfer, and research commercialization activities and advised senior leadership on

innovation policy, research partnerships, and external engagement. Earlier in her career, she held senior legal and executive positions in the technology sector, advising companies and emerging enterprises on intellectual property strategy, commercialization, corporate governance, and technology transactions.

Throughout her career, Ms. Peter has focused on the role of intellectual property in creating the legal certainty and incentives that enable investment, reward innovation, facilitate technology transfer, and accelerate the development and diffusion of new technologies.

Ms. Peter is a frequent author and speaker on intellectual property, innovation, and technology policy. Her commentary has appeared in leading publications, including The Wall Street Journal, Forbes, IPWatchdog, RealClear Health, and The Daily Signal. She has addressed universities, international organizations, industry forums, and policy conferences on patent policy, emerging technologies, artificial intelligence and intellectual property, research commercialization, and international innovation policy.
Ms. Peter has been named to the IAM Strategy 300: The World's Leading IP Strategists, a distinction recognizing leading practitioners in the development and implementation of sophisticated intellectual property strategies. She has also been recognized by World IP Review as one of its "Influential Women in IP."

Ms. Peter holds a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from Cornell University, a Master of Public Policy from the University of Chicago, a Juris Doctor in Intellectual Property Law from Santa Clara University, and a Master of Laws in International Business Law from King's College London.

THE FIELD OF PLAY – Judicial approaches to ruling on SEP disputes

MODERATOR

Mr. Andras Jokuti, Director, Patent and Technology Law Division, WIPO

PANELISTS

Ms. Fadila Fidel, Judge, Commercial Court of Casablanca, Morocco

Dr. Fadila Fidel is a Judge and Presiding Judge of the Chamber of the Commercial Disputes Panel at the Commercial Court of Casablanca, Morocco.

She began her judicial career in 2015 after completing her training at the Higher Institute of the Judiciary, receiving her first appointment in 2018 at the Court of First Instance of Taza. In 2021, she was appointed to the Commercial Court of Casablanca, where she initially served as a panel member specializing in commercial litigation and intellectual property cases before rising to Presiding Judge.

Dr. Fidel holds a Bachelor's Degree in Private Law (2011), a Master's Degree in Business Law (2014), and a PhD in Private Law (2023) from Hassan II University in Casablanca**.**

Mr. James Mellor, Justice, High Court, United Kingdom

James Mellor read engineering and then production engineering at King's College Cambridge, with spells of work in Somalia, the Congo, Germany, France and Iraq before returning to King's in 1984/5 to read law. He was called to the Bar by Middle Temple in June 1986. After pupillage with Michael Briggs and John Baldwin, he secured a tenancy in the leading IP Chambers of Thomas Blanco-White QC. In 1992, Chambers (then of Robin Jacob QC) moved to 8, New Square, Lincoln's Inn in 1992. James took silk in 2006 and became Head of Chambers in March 2018. He was appointed an Appointed Person for Trade Marks and Designs in 2015, a Deputy High Court Judge in 2020 and to the High Court bench on 8th February 2021, being sworn in online, as one of the specialist Judges in the Patents Court. James is currently the Judge in charge of Intellectual Property and the Shorter Trial Scheme. Outside work, James is a keen windsurfer, skier and mountain biker. He commutes to work by bike.

Ms. Prathiba Singh, Justice, Delhi High Court, India

Justice Singh joined the Bar in 1991, regularly appearing before the Supreme Court of India, High Court of Delhi, IP Appellate Board, and Indian Patent Office. Her advisory work included streamlining the Copyright Office and patent examinations, and advising Parliamentary Committees on legislative amendments related to intellectual property.

As a lawyer she was awarded Managing IP's Asia Women in Business Law Awards and she was selected among the 50 most influential people in IP for 2021 and 2022.

After obtaining her LL.B. from the University Law College, Bangalore, Justice Singh received her LL.M. from the University of Cambridge, where the Prathiba M. Singh Scholarship for LL.M. students was created in 2013.
Justice Singh serves on Cambridge's Circle of Advisors for India and is also an Honorary Fellow, Hughes Hall, University of Cambridge.

Justice Singh authored, India's first comprehensive commentary on patent law, titled "*Prathiba M. Singh on Patent Law*", discussing more than 600 precedents from India and other jurisdictions.

She has been appointed as the Chairperson of the WIPO Advisory Board of Judges for the 2025-2027 term at the WIPO Judicial Institute.

She is also currently serving as the co-chair of the Working Group on Regulatory Considerations on AI in Health formed by the World Health Organization.

Justice Singh is one of the three awardees inducted into the IP Hall of Fame, 2026, for her contribution to the development of IP law and practice.

Justice Prathiba M. Singh was elevated as Permanent Judge of the High Court of Delhi in 2017. She was the Chairperson for the first IP Division, High Court of Delhi 2021-22 Session and was also its Presiding Judge.

Mr. Peter Tochtermann, Presiding Judge, Unified Patent Court, Germany

Professor Dr Tochtermann worked as a judge in patent matters at all German instances since 2010, in his last national position as presiding judge at the Regional Court Mannheim. Judge Tochtermann is a Honorary Professor at the University of Heidelberg where he teaches Patent Law.

He is the presiding judge of the UPC's Court of First Instance – Mannheim Local Division and a Member of the Presidium.

Mr. Victor Torres, Rio de Janeiro State Court, Brazil

Judge Victor Diz Torres currently serves at the 7th Business Court of the Court of Justice of the State of Rio de Janeiro. He earned his law degree from Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ) and clerked for Justices Custódio de Barros Tostes and Luiz Fernando de Andrade Pinto at the Rio de Janeiro Court of Appeals.

His judicial work focuses on complex business disputes, particularly those involving patent litigation, industrial property, competition, technology, and standard-essential patents (SEPs). Alongside his judicial role, he teaches at the School of Judicial Administration and the Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV), contributing to judicial training and competitive public examinations.

Mr. Sungyop Woo, IP High Court, Republic of Korea

Judge Woo Sungyop has been a High Court Judge on the Intellectual Property High Court of Korea since 2018.

After his first appointment to the Incheon District Court in 2009, Judge Woo served on several other courts, including the Seoul Central District Court, the Daegu High Court and the Research Division of the Supreme Court of Korea.

Judge Woo studied electrical engineering at Seoul National University from 1991 to 1992 and holds law degrees from Seoul National University (LL.B., 1999) and New York University School of Law (LL.M. in IP Law, 2008). He also completed his Ph.D. coursework on IP Law at Seoul National University.

Judge Woo was a Visiting Scholar at Santa Clara University School of Law in the United States in 2015.

THE GAME PLAN – Multi-jurisdictional Litigation Strategies

MODERATOR

Ms. Nina Belbl, Legal Officer, Patent and Technology Law Division, Patents and Technology Sector (WIPO)

PANELISTS

Mr. Stephen J. Akerley, Vice President, Deputy General Counsel Global Head of Litigation, InterDigital

Steve is the head of litigation for InterDigital, one of the world's largest and most successful pure research and development companies. Since joining InterDigital in 2020, Steve and his team have been at the forefront of the rapidly developing international legal landscape for cases involving standard essential patents. Prior to joining InterDigital, he was in private practice at several international firms where he litigated and tried company-critical patent cases for both patent owners and accused infringers. At InterDigital, Steve has been recognized repeatedly by IAM in its Global Strategy 300 and, in private practice, as one of the country's top patent trial lawyers by the National Law Journal, the Daily Journal and other peer-nominated reviews.

Mr. Ray Bennett, Executive Director of Global Litigation, Lenovo

Ray Bennett is the Executive Director of Global Litigation at Lenovo, where he leads a team of litigators responsible for developing and executing cutting-edge IP and commercial litigation strategies worldwide. His team actively manages litigation in jurisdictions across the globe, including SEP matters in Germany, Brazil, the UPC, the United Kingdom, China, and the United States.

Prior to joining Lenovo, Mr. Bennett was an experienced trial lawyer where he spent more than twenty years handling IP, SEP, and complex commercial matters for Lenovo as well as other high technology clients.

Mr. Bennett received his J.D. from Stanford Law School and his B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mr. Bennett clerked for the Honorable Douglas H. Ginsburg of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and for the Honorable T.S. Ellis, III of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. He is a certified mediator and a graduate of the Harvard Mediation Intensive at the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School.

Mr. Robert Earle, Vice President, Assertion and Enforcement for IPR & Licensing, Ericsson

Robert Earle is responsible for Ericsson's global patent assertion and enforcement program. Mr. Earle and his team are involved in developing Ericsson's global patent assertion and enforcement strategy, providing detailed technical analysis of Ericsson's industry-leading portfolio of over 60,000 patents, as well as the mapping of those patents against the products and services provided by potential licensees.

Mr. Earle and his team have effectively utilized emerging market patent systems to ensure effective licensing opportunities in those markets. Some notable examples include India and Brazil.

Additionally, Mr. Earle has engaged in global intellectual property policy development. He has presented, met with, and positively impacted policy decision makers in multiple international jurisdictions providing industry input for further intellectual policy development.

Mr. Earle has also negotiated global patent license agreements with international cellular telephone providers by utilizing developed strategies for maximizing effective licensing negotiations.

Mr. Earle joined Ericsson in 2014 as Vice President for Assertion and Enforcement. Prior to joining Ericsson, he was a partner with Fish & Richardson in its Dallas office. He has first chair experience in multiple jury trials representing clients before federal and state trial courts. His experience includes representing top international companies in patent litigation cases. Mr. Earle also served as a United States naval officer for nine years prior to attending law school.

Robert Earle is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, holds a Juris Doctorate, and a Master's degree in electrical engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California.

Mr. Jon Chow, Deputy Chief Counsel, Litigation and Patents, The Walt Disney Company

Jon Chow is Deputy Chief Counsel at The Walt Disney Company, where he oversees patent, copyright, and trademark litigation across the enterprise. With over two decades of practice, Jon sets and executes litigation strategy across multiple business units, advising Disney's most senior business and legal leadership on patent threats and IP litigation matters. He manages one of the most dynamic litigation dockets in the entertainment industry, coordinating across legal, technical, and business teams on high-stakes matters around the world. His work also encompasses SEP licensing disputes, video codec litigation, and complex cross-border enforcement matters. Prior to joining Disney, Jon practiced at O'Melveny & Myers and Ropes & Gray. He holds a JD from Cornell Law School and degrees in Molecular & Cellular Biology and Economics from the University of Arizona.

POST GAME ANALYSIS – A Fireside Reflection

MODERATOR

Ms. Nina Belbl, Legal Officer, Patent and Technology Law Division, Patents and Technology Sector (WIPO)

PANELISTS

Mr. Sanat Bathla, Legal Counsel, FairPhone

Sanat Bathla is Legal Counsel at Fairphone, the Amsterdam-based maker of modular, repairable and sustainable smartphones and audio products. He works across intellectual property, commercial contracting and regulatory compliance, with a strong interest in standard essential patents and FRAND licensing.

His perspective on SEPs is shaped by working for an SME implementer. For smaller companies, licensing standardised technologies raises distinct challenges: limited visibility into which patents are truly essential, fragmented licensing landscapes, and the cost and complexity of negotiating with much larger patent holders. Sanat is interested in how greater transparency, better access to information and proportionate dispute resolution can help SMEs participate in the SEP ecosystem on fair terms, while supporting innovation across the value chain.

Sanat has a background in cross-border commercial and IP matters spanning Europe, the United States and Asia. He holds a master's degree in Law and Technology from Utrecht University in the Netherlands.

Mr. Andrei Iancu, Partner, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP

Andrei Iancu is a partner at Sullivan & Cromwell and one of the leading voices in intellectual property law and innovation policy. He is a former Undersecretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), a position to which he was confirmed unanimously by the Senate. Andrei has decades of experience representing plaintiffs and defendants in IP matters across the technical and scientific spectra, including medical devices, genetic testing, therapeutics, the Internet, telephony, TV broadcasting, video game systems and computer peripherals. He represents clients in litigation and trials before the district courts, the U.S. International Trade Commission and the USPTO, the Federal Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court, and also counsels clients on obtaining, licensing, enforcing and defending against IP rights globally.

THE INTERNATIONAL FENCING PISTE – A Legal Analysis of the SEP-related WTO Disputes

SPEAKER

Mr. Daniel J. Gervais, Amsterdam Milton R. Underwood Professor of Law (Emeritus), Vanderbilt University, USA, and Senior Associate Professor (part-time), Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands

Daniel J. Gervais, Ph.D., is the Milton R. Underwood Professor in Law (Emeritus) at Vanderbilt University Law School, He is also appointed as part-time Senior Associate Professor at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. In 2022, he held the Distinguished Fulbright Chair at Carleton University in Ottawa. He is a Past President of the International Association for the Advancement ort Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property (ATRIP). Prior to joining Vanderbilt, he was the Acting Dean of the Faculty of Law (Common Law Section) of the University of Ottawa. He has been visiting professor at several major universities in Europe and Asia. He is the author of a leading treatise on the WTO TRIPS Agreement (Sweet & Maxwell, 5th edition 2023), and a "sci-fi legal trilogy" titled The Coexistence Trilogy (the first volume Forever, was published in 2023). He also published books published by Cambridge University Press and Oxford University Press, among others. His research has been published in many of the world's leading law reviews, and other publications, including Science.

THE TIE-BREAKER – ADR in FRAND Disputes

MODERATOR

Mr. Andras Jokuti, Director, Patent and Technology Law Division, WIPO

PANELISTS

Mr. Le Chen, Senior Director, IP Policy & Dispute Resolution, Xiaomi

Le Chen is Senior Director of Dispute Resolution and Head of IP Policy Europe at Xiaomi, based in Switzerland. He manages Xiaomi's patent disputes before German courts, the UPC and UK courts, with a focus on SEP/FRAND matters, and leads the company's IP policy work in Europe. Before Xiaomi, he spent seven years at ABB, where he led licensing negotiations and reshaped a business unit's SEP policy for IEC and IEEE standards. Le began his IP career at a German patent law firm, supporting the SEP litigation that led to the CJEU's landmark *Huawei v ZTE* ruling.

Earlier, he worked as a systems engineer and global project manager at Sun Microsystems.

Mr. Clemens Heusch, Vice President, Global Head of Litigation, Nokia

Dr Clemens-August Heusch LL.M. is VP and Head of Global Litigation and Disputes at Nokia, responsible for litigation, arbitration and mediation globally with a strong focus on multi-national IP litigation and arbitration. Since 2008 Nokia has been involved in more than 200 patent cases worldwide.

Before joining Nokia in 2008, Clemens was an attorney-at-law at the international law firm Bird & Bird LLP. He studied law at the Universities of Freiburg and Bonn, Germany; received an LL.M. degree from the University of Maastricht, Netherlands, and a doctorate from the University of Cologne, Germany. During his traineeship, he worked inter alia in the competition law team of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Cologne and Brussels, Belgium.

Clemens is a registered lawyer at the Cologne Bar and is a certified IP lawyer. Fluent in German, English and French, he regularly presents and writes on a range of legal topics. He is based in Germany.

Mr. Naoyuki Iwai, Presiding Judge, Tokyo District Court, Japan

Judge IWAI Naoyuki is a Presiding Judge of the IP Division of the Tokyo District Court.
After graduating from the Faculty of Law at Tokyo University, Judge IWAI was appointed as a Judge of the Tokyo District Court in 1997. Since then, he has dealt with many civil cases in various areas, including corporate litigation, antitrust litigation and bankruptcy cases.

After sitting in the bench of the Tokyo High Court (Court of Appeal) and presiding in the Tokyo District Court (Corporate Litigation Division), he was appointed to the IP High Court in 2023. After the IP High Court, he was assigned to his current position in April 2026. Currently, he serves as a chairperson of the Committee of SEP Judicial Mediation in the Tokyo District Court.

Judge IWAI has contributed articles and columns to legal journals in relation to the topic of IP matters, corporate law and civil cases.

Ms. Heike Wollgast, Head, IP and Disputes Section, WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center (WIPO)

Heike Wollgast heads the IP Disputes Section at the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center. She oversees the administration of WIPO mediation, arbitration and expert determination cases, and leads legal and policy developments relating to WIPO Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). This includes the development of ADR

schemes adapted to specific industry sectors, as well as ADR collaborations with IP authorities and courts globally.

Heike is a German lawyer and holds a Ph.D. in European Community Law from the University of Cologne. Following studies and legal training in Germany, Switzerland and the US, she practiced with two major law firms in Germany in the areas of IP and trade law. Before joining the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, Heike also specialized in international IP enforcement law and policy at WIPO.

THE GLOBAL SCOREBOARD – Assessing FRAND

MODERATOR

Ms. Nina Belbl, Legal Officer, Patent and Technology Law Division, Patents and Technology Sector (WIPO)

PANELISTS

Mr. Weike Du, Deputy Chief Judge of the Third Civil Division, Supreme People's Court of China (SPC), China

Judge Du Weike has served on the Intellectual Property Rights Division (Third Civil Division) and the Supreme People's Court (SPC) of China since 2010, and in December 2023, he was appointed as the Deputy Chief Judge of the Intellectual Property Court of the SPC.

Prior to his judicial appointment, he worked at the Board of Reexamination of the China National Intellectual Property Administration, handling patent administrative cases and related administrative litigations.

Judge Du has rendered a number of landmark IP cases in China and has published more than 20 articles on IP law. Judge Du holds Bachelor's degrees in Electrical Engineering and Law from Huazhong University of Science and Technology, a Juris Master's degree from Xiamen University, and a Juris Doctor's degree from RenMin University of China.

Mr. James Mellor, Justice, High Court, United Kingdom

Mr. Oliver Schön, Presiding Judge, Munich Regional Court, Germany

Oliver Schön is Presiding Judge of the 7th civil chamber of the Munich I Regional Court. The Munich I Regional Court is the busiest court for patent infringement cases in the western world. In 2025 they received over 330 new cases. Judge Schön started his career in patent law in 2008 and since that he worked in several positions in the German Patent System, including a research assistant secondment to the Federal Supreme Court (Patent Senat) and the Federal Patent Court.

Mr. James V. Selna, District Judge, Central District of California, USA

Judge Selna was appointed to the United States District Court for the Central District of California in 2003. Prior to his appointment, he served on the California Superior Court for the County of Orange for fours years. Before taking the Bench, he was in private practice for 28 years, and handled complex civil litigations.

On the federal bench, he has presided over numerous complex civil matters, including the multidistrict proceeding In re Toyota Motor Corp. Unintended Acceleration Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation, which involved over 200 economic loss class actions and over 170 individual personal injury/wrongful death cases. In the patent field, he has presided over complex patent trials, including Broadcom Corporation v. Qualcomm Incorporated, Broadcom Corporation v. Emulex, and Siemens v. Seagate.

Most recently, Judge Selna presided over a major FRAND dispute, TCL Communications Technology Holdings, Ltd. v. Telefonaktienbolaget LM Ericsson. The case involved competing approaches for the determination of a FRAND royalty rate: top-down (TCL) and comparable licenses (Ericsson).

He received his undergraduate and legal education at Stanford University.