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Registration Information

Dates

9 December, 2013 Start: 09.30 – Finish: 17.00

10 December, 2013 Start: 09.00 – Finish: 16.30

Registration & Coffee

9 December, 2013 09.00

Venue and Accommodation

The Cavendish Hotel, 81 Jermyn Street, London SW1Y 6JF (main entrance in Duke Street), Hotel Tel: +44(0)20 7930 2111.

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£1035 + VAT if applicable. The fee includes course documentation as well as mid-session refreshments and lunch. Invoice and confirmation will be forwarded to you.

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CLAIM and SPECIFICATION DRAFTING FOR A SINGLE EPO/USPTO PATENT APPLICATION

An intensive, practical course on how to draft and prosecute patent applications for the differing requirements of the EPC and the USPTO

Key Topics to Include:

- Key, Major Differences Between EPO and US Practice
- 'Best Practices' for specification drafting for both the EPO and US
- Maximising Scope Of Protection
- Reducing Potential Objections
- Minimising Costs
- Maximising Flexibility
- Prompt Prosecution & Grant
- Worked examples
- Syndicate workshops and plenary discussion

With

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HOW YOU WILL BENEFIT FROM ATTENDING THIS SEMINAR

An application originating in Europe frequently encounters substantial difficulties before the USPTO. The European applicant often faces rejections based on alleged inadequacies in the specification.

Recurrently, claims issued to a European applicant are unnecessarily narrow by US standards or unexpectedly constrained by US principles of disavowal, disclaimer and estoppel.

The need for high-quality application drafting, acceptable to both the EPO and USPTO, has never been greater. This seminar offers:

- A comprehensive overview of the principles underlying the preparation and prosecution of patent applications in both the US and Europe.
- The speakers will compare and contrast the often very different approaches of the European and US Patent Offices.
- They will offer the 'best practices' for preparing an application that is well suited for filing in both Europe and the US.
- Illustrations will be provided as the legal basis for such practices.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- During the course delegates will be divided into groups to correct, modify and prepare existing sample claims.
- This will then be followed by a plenary session during which delegates and speakers will discuss the worked examples to produce an optimal specification acceptable to both the EPO and USPTO.
- The seminar will also include ongoing opportunities for participants to ask questions and discuss individual concerns.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Patent professionals and other executives who are responsible for patent applications that are filed in, and prosecuted before, both European and US Patent Offices.

SPEAKERS

Bradley Hulbert is a founding partner in McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff, a 75-lawyer patent firm in Chicago. Mr. Hulbert continues to oversee the development of a diverse range of extensive, international patent portfolios and is also an adjunct professor of law and Director, Academic and Professional Program Development, at the Chicago-Kent Law School.

David Meldrum has a background in electronic engineering and is a Partner of D. Young & Co LLP, Patent and Trademark Attorneys, a large IP practice based in London and Southampton. He advises medium and large corporations on their IP strategies as well as handling patent procurement matters directly before the EPO and UKIPO and indirectly worldwide.

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PROGRAMME

Drafting and prosecuting patent applications to comply with the differing requirements of the EPC and the USPTO

- ▶ **Review of the similarities and differences in the statutory systems of the EPO and USPTO**
 - Legal aspects
 - Procedural aspects
 - Substantive aspects
 - Formal aspects
- ▶ **'Best Practices' for preparing one specification to comply with the European and US requirements for:**
 - Priority
 - Added subject matter/new matter
 - Industrial application/utility
 - Novelty
 - Inventive step/non obviousness
 - Description and sufficient basis/enablement and written description
 - Claim clarity and conciseness/'distinct claiming'
 - Limiting estoppel and implications of the AIA
- ▶ **Worked examples**

Delegates will be divided into groups to analyse, modify and prepare sample applications suitable for the EPO and USPTO
- ▶ **Plenary Session**

Delegates and speakers will discuss the worked examples with the aim of optimising specifications acceptable to both the EPO and USPTO