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Opposition Procedure at The European Patent Office

Why practitioners in the USA and Canada cannot afford to ignore the opportunities and threats that it presents

A practical seminar for US and Canadian Intellectual Property practitioners



The European patent Opposition procedure is a highly effective, efficient and easy to understand procedure which should be regarded as an essential part of any European patent strategy. Haseltine Lake has designed this seminar especially for US and Canadian practitioners to explore how it can be used in an international competitive environment to successfully revoke or substantially restrict a competitor's patent rights.

Haseltine Lake has one of the most experienced and successful Opposition teams in Europe, which it coordinates through its office in Munich, at the heart of European patent practice.

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Tuesday September 30 2008
09:30 - 16:00 followed by a drinks reception

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Thursday October 2 2008
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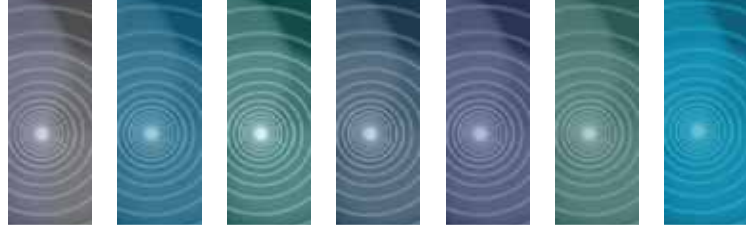
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Where?

Hilton Boston Financial District Hotel
89 Broad Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110

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Places are free of charge to US and Canadian Intellectual Property practitioners.



Aims of the seminar:

- To raise awareness of the Opposition procedure and how it is being used by international companies for competitive advantage
- To explain the procedure to US and Canadian practitioners in a way that is relevant to their own experience and their national procedures and remedies

Haseltine Lake Hosts:

Who should attend?

- Patent attorneys and IP litigators in private-practice US or Canadian law firms
- IP managers and patent attorneys in the patent or legal departments of Canadian or US companies

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Seminar Outline

Registration - 09:30

Introduction & Overview

Session 1 - Opposition Basics

- Opposition procedure
- Opposition timeline

Session 2 - Grounds of Opposition

- Substantive grounds
- Formal grounds
- Other considerations

Session 3 - Opponent Aims, Strategy and Tactics

- Why oppose?
- Strategy - Considerations beyond the opposed patent?
- Tactics - Timing

Session 4 - Roles in the Opponent Team

- Role of Patent Counsel
- Role of Experts
- Role of Evidence providers

Refreshment break

Session 5 - Opposition from the Patentee's point of view

- The Patentee's options
- Fall-back Positions - "Auxiliary Requests"

Session 6 - Opposition from the EPO point of view

- Perspectives of the decision makers - The EPO Opposition Division

Session 7 - Possible impact of parallel litigation

- Parallel litigation pending in the US or Canada
- Parallel pending European national proceedings

Lunch

Session 8 - The final stages of the Opposition

- Preparation for the hearing - Tactics
- Format of the hearing
- Who can speak? Under what conditions?
- Duration

Session 9 - The Hearing

- A compressed mock oral hearing

Session 10 - The Decision

- Possible Outcomes
- Options: Appeal, National proceedings

Questions and Answers

Time to relax...

After the seminar, continue the discussion and join Haseltine Lake as our guests for drinks and canapés.

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