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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 highly effective, efficient and easy to understand, and 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 the procedure 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.

When?

Tuesday May 11 2010
10:45 - 14:30

Where?

DePaul University, Room 8005, DePaul Center, 1 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604

When?

Thursday May 13 2010
10:45 - 14:30

Where?

Washington University School of Law, Bryan Cave Moot Courtroom [No. 310]
3rd Floor, Anheuser-Busch Hall, St. Louis, Missouri 63130 - 4899

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Seminar Outline

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

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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Introduction and Overview

Session 1 - Opposition Basics

- Main steps in the Opposition procedure

Session 2 - Grounds of Opposition

- Substantive grounds
- Formal grounds
- Other considerations

Session 3 - Strategy and Tactics

- Opponent perspective
- Patentee perspective

Session 4 - The EPO Opposition Division

Session 5 - The Final Stages of the Opposition

- The oral hearing
- Introduction to mock proceedings

Session 6 - Hearing

- A compressed mock oral hearing

Session 7 - The Decision

- Possible outcomes
- Options: appeal, national proceedings

Questions and Answers

After the seminar there will be an opportunity to continue the discussion in one to one meetings with Haseltine Lake speakers.

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Missouri - \$35.00 The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis member (BAMSL), \$45.00 non member.

Refunds

Cancellations must be received by May 7 to receive a refund, less a \$10 administrative fee; a substitute may attend.

Haseltine Lake hosts:



David Nash - Partner
UK and European
Patent Attorney
Chemistry & Life
Sciences

David joined Haseltine Lake in 1983 and has been a partner since 1990. A patent practitioner in the chemical, pharmaceutical and biotech sectors, he has specialist knowledge of Opposition and appeal work before the European Patent Office (EPO) and UK entitlement disputes. David specialises in the prosecution of complex biotech and chemical applications and has an extensive practice acting for opponents in EPO Opposition proceedings. David regularly attends oral proceedings to represent clients before Opposition Divisions and appeal boards at the EPO.

David's clients include industrial chemical companies, a US-based international petrochemicals group, UK and US based pharmaceutical companies, UK universities and a national health agency. David is a regular traveller overseas, particularly to the USA and Japan. David is a member of Fédération Internationale des Conseils en Propriété Industrielle (FICPI).



David Brown - Partner
UK and European
Patent Attorney
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David qualified as a European patent attorney in 1988. David's practice extends across many areas of chemistry and life sciences, with a particular emphasis on pharmaceuticals, diagnostics and large-molecule biotechnology work.

David has many years of experience of Oppositions and appeals work in the European Patent Office, including high-profile cases such as: the oppositions in the international Vestar/NeXstar v The Liposome Company litigation, regarded as a leading case in the US on foreign prosecution history estoppel; and T543/04 (the Hoodia weight-loss product case, with issues of traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples and alleged prior public use through the traditional use of the Hoodia plant as a foodstuff and medicine).



James Ward - Associate
UK and European
Patent Attorney
Electronics &
Communications

James specialises in the fields of electronics and solid state devices, in particular relating to computer hardware and software, telecommunications and robot control systems.

Based at our Munich office, James regularly attends oral proceedings at the EPO before the first-instance Examining and Opposition Divisions and before the Boards of Appeal. Opposition proceedings form a significant part of his practice, acting both for opponents and patentees.

In 2009 James acted for the opponent in nine Opposition hearings, with all nine patents being revoked. James' clients include multinational electronics corporations and IP attorney firms from various jurisdictions.

During his training to become a European patent attorney, James completed a secondment at a major US patent law firm where he gained valuable experience of US patent practice.

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