Structure of the studies

Nine modules make up the CEIPI Diploma on Patent Litigation in Europe. Each module lasts two days, and the course runs from October to June, on Fridays and Saturdays, to facilitate attendance on the part of participants.

First Module
- Introduction into law, including main aspects of European law, private law and private international law impacting on patent litigation.

Second Module
- European Union Law and Patents and Supplementary Protection Certificates.

Third Module
- The nexus between patents and competition law, as well as border enforcement of intellectual property rights.

Fourth Module
- Patent enforcement (I): Evidence and preservation of evidence in patent cases.

Fifth Module
- European patent enforcement (II): injunctions, damages and corrective measures in case of patent infringement.

Sixth Module
- The Unified Patent Court: update, functioning and litigation (I)

Seventh Module
- The Unified Patent Court: functioning and litigation (II)

Eighth Module
- Patent litigation stakeholders and mock trial

Ninth Module
- Final conferences

Each module runs for two days, except the eight module, which is a three-day module, and the final one, which runs for one single day. Teachings start Fridays 9 am and finish Saturdays 4 pm. This is an intense teaching program, which means that one hour is allocated for lunch and teachings may run up until 6 pm on Fridays.

General information

Places of the lectures
Strasbourg

Organization of the studies
Nine modules: Fridays and Saturdays, from October to June

Language of the training
English

Accommodation
Participants to the CEIPI Diploma on Patent Litigation in Europe benefit from special rates at selected hotels.

Admission
Study time, fees and application documents available on our website www.ceipi.edu

Timing of this brochure
The concepts and contents are aimed at keeping CEIPI courses as topical as possible. CEIPI reserves the right to adjust particular contents during the course of the study period.

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Preface

The Center for International Intellectual Property Studies (CEIPI) Diploma on Patent Litigation in Europe is a training program crafted for patent professionals willing to deepen and update their knowledge in comparative and regional patent law and patent litigation.

International and European in contents, speakers and participants, the CEIPI diploma provides a hands-on immersion in the systemic aspects of patent litigation and the most recent patent litigation practices.

The CEIPI Diploma on Patent Litigation in Europe falls within the wider offer of CEIPI in the area of intellectual property enforcement, a plurality of programs targeting judges, patent attorneys, attorneys at law, public servants and other qualified professionals in the intellectual property domain. In this case, the training program is addressed to European Patent Attorneys willing to become European Patent Litigators, attorneys at law and other experienced intellectual property professionals willing to gain knowledge and update their experience in European patent litigation.

Set up in the early 2000s, the CEIPI Diploma provides a truly European and international perspective on patent adjudication theory and practice, leading to the obtention of a diploma of the University of Strasbourg.

In 15 editions of the CEIPI Diploma on Patent Litigation in Europe, 850 people have been trained in Strasbourg.

Academic Information

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Lecturers
Lecturers in past editions include judges, practitioners and scholars, such as:

JUDGES
 Klaus Bacher, Judge, 10th Senate, Federal Court of Justice of Germany (Bundesgerichtshof)
 Mads Bundgaard Larsen, Vice-President, Maritime and Commercial High Court – Copenhagen
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Methodology
The program characterizes by an emphasis on practical aspects of patent adjudication.

The large majority of speakers are judges and patent litigators with vast experience in patent litigation. Moreover, classroom lectures are combined with an intense analysis of jurisprudence and practical exercises, including workshops with case studies and a mock trial. The latter occupies two days of the program and also involves team-work in the proceeding modules.

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The teaching will be imparted in Strasbourg, in the CEIPI premises, in English.

Participants
Participants to the course can be:
 European Patent Attorneys with practice before the EPO Boards of Appeal and/or national patent litigation courts (as representatives of parties, private or court appointed experts or judges).
 Attorneys at Law with proven knowledge and experience in patent law.
 Those who do not fulfill these conditions may still be accepted upon a proven record of expertise in the area of patent drafting and practice.

Concept of the studies
The CEIPI Diploma on Patent Litigation in Europe is a professional training program intended at satisfying the need of update and refinement of the knowledge in patent litigation.

The program allows participants to go through the practice in the European jurisdictions attracting most of patent litigations, and put on the unitary patent and the Unified Patent Court.

Patent litigation touching infringement and validity is at the core of the diploma, but the program goes beyond interconnected and addresses other relevant subjects. This notably the case of competition law, alternative dispute resolution and private international law. Other related intellectual property titles, notably supplementary protection certificates, are also the object of interest. The goal is to present both traditional topics of relevance in patent litigation, such as remedies and damages, as well as contextual aspects impacting actual patent litigation.

The program has been adjusted as to satisfy the requirements of the European Patent Litigators Certificate, approved by the Administrative Committee of the Unified Patent Court, thus it will be of particular interest to those European Patent Attorneys willing to become European Patent Litigators.

Participants
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⇒ Manuel Desantes, Professor of International Private Law at the University of Alicante
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