

Program Overview

IP Summer Course 2025

Obtaining, Enforcing and Evaluating
Intellectual Property Rights in Europe



Dates and Venue

June 30, 2025

Part 1: Trade Mark, EU Systems, Prosecution, Enforcement

July 01 – July 04, 2025

Part 2: Patents, Utility Models, Designs

Adina Hotel Munich

Atelierstraße 22, 81671 Munich, Germany

Guest Speakers

Dr. Dennis Kretschmann, UPC, Technical Judge
Gabriele Mohsler, VP Patent Development, Ericsson
Edmund Mangold, Senior Patent Counsel, BMW Group

Speakers of BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT

Fabio Adinolfi, Attorney at Law
Dipl.-Phys. Christoph Angerhausen, German and European Patent Attorney, Representative before the UPC
Dipl.-Phys. Christian W. Appelt, German and European Patent Attorney, Representative before the UPC
Dipl.-Phys. Dr. Mario Araujo, German and European Patent Attorney, Representative before the UPC
Dr. Andreas Dustmann, Attorney at Law
Hannah Dauer, Attorney at Law
Dr. Sebastian Engels, Attorney at Law
Dipl.-Biochem. Dr. Markus Engelhard, German and European Patent Attorney, Representative before the UPC
Dipl.-Chem. Dr. Martin Erbacher, German and European Patent Attorney, Representative before the UPC
Dr. Hanno Flentje, German and European Patent Attorney, Representative before the UPC
Silke Freund, Attorney at Law
Victor Fetscher, Attorney at Law
Prof. Dr. Heinz Goddar, German and European Patent Attorney
Peter Groß, Attorney at Law
Dr. Lara Gwinner, German and European Patent Attorney, Representative before the UPC
Dr. Carl-Richard Haarmann, Attorney at Law, Representative before the UPC
Dipl.-Ing. Felix Hermann, German and European Patent Attorney, Representative before the UPC
Dipl.-Phys. Dr. Daniel Herrmann, German and European Patent Attorney, Representative before the UPC
Dipl.-Phys. Dr. Matthias Hofmann, German and European Patent Attorney, Representative before the UPC
Dipl.-Chem. Dr. Ute Kilger, German and European Patent Attorney, Representative before the UPC
Dipl.-Phys. Dr. Andreas Lucke, German and European Patent Attorney, Representative before the UPC
Dipl.-Chem. Dr. Karl-Heinz B. Metten, German and European Patent Attorney, Representative before the UPC
Melanie Müller, Attorney at Law
Dr. José Maria Pfizer, German and European Patent Attorney, Representative before the UPC
Alexander Rabe, German Patent Attorney
Dr. Michael Rüberg, Attorney at Law
Dipl.-Phys. Dr. Steffen Schmidt, German and European Patent Attorney, Representative before the UPC
Dr. Fabian Schmidt
Dr. Alexander Thamer, Attorney at Law
Dipl.-Inform. Dr. Jakob Valvoda, German and European Patent Attorney, Representative before the UPC
Micheline Verwohlt, Attorney at Law
Malte Windeler, Attorney at Law

Part 1: Trade Marks, EU Systems, Prosecution, Enforcement

Monday, June 30, 2025

Session I

9.00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.
Carl-Richard Haarmann

Opening address

9.20 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.
Fabio Adinolfi

Obtaining trade mark protection in Europe – systems and approaches

11.15 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Coffee break

11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
Peter Groß

Opposition and cancellation proceedings before the EUIPO

12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.

Lunch break

Session II

1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.
Hannah Dauer

Recent developments in European trade mark case law - EUIPO and European Court

3.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.
Silke Freund/Carl-Richard Haarmann

Infringement of trade marks – a case study

Part 2: Patents, Utility Models, Designs

Day 1 - Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Session I

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| 9.00 a.m. – 9.20 a.m. Christian W. Appelt | Opening address |
| 09.20 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. Felix Hermann | Strategies of obtaining patent protection in Europe (national, EP, PCT, UPC) |
| 10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Mario Araujo | EPO procedure (search, examination, grant, validation and/or UP), comparison to GPTO procedures |
| 11.00 a.m. – 11.20 a.m. | Coffee break |
| 11.20 a.m. – 12.20 p.m. Christian W. Appelt | How to avoid pitfalls of EP prosecution (Art. 123 (2), (3) EPC, Art. 83/84 EPC, adaptation of specification) |
| 12.20 p.m. – 1.30 p.m. | Lunch break |

Session II

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| 1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. Martin Erbacher | Novelty and inventive step under EPC |
| 2.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Andreas Dustmann | Design protection in Europe |
| 3.00 p.m. – 3.20 p.m. | Coffee break |
| 3.20 p.m. – 3.50 p.m. Heinz Goddar/Melanie Müller | Trusted depository (TD) for trade secrets and data – a supplement to patent protection |
| 3.50 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. Malte Windeler | Protection of secret know-how in Europe |

5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Sightseeing city tour

6.30 p.m.

***Opening reception and dinner
Paulaner am Nockherberg
Hochstraße 77
81541 Munich***

Part 2: Patents, Utility Models, Designs

Day 2 – Wednesday, July 2, 2025

Session I A – IP & IT

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| 9.00 a.m. – 9.40 a.m. Steffen Schmidt | Patenting of software-based inventions in Germany and Europe |
| 9.40 a.m. – 10.20 a.m. Jakob Valvoda | A change of perspective: highlighting the technical features of software-based inventions |
| 10.20 a.m. – 11.00 p.m. Daniel Herrmann | The EPO's approach towards artificial intelligence |
| 11.00 a.m. – 11.20 a.m. | Coffee break |
| 11.20 a.m. – 12.00 a.m. Alexander Thamer | Licensing software and OSS considerations |
| 12:00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Matthias Hofmann | Use of AI in patent prosecution |

Session I B – Biotech and Pharma

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| 09.00 a.m. – 09.45 a.m. Markus Engelhard | Introduction to patentability of biotechnological subject matter under the EPC and the German Patents Act (PatG) – the legal machinery and case law/ selected decisions |
| 09.45 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. Ute Kilger | Plausibility, sufficiency of disclosure and inventive step of biotechnological inventions |
| 10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Lara Gwinner/Fabian Schmidt | Antibody and epitope patent claims |
| 11.00 a.m. – 11.15 a.m. | Coffee break |
| 11.15 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. Karl-Heinz Metten/José Pfizer | Scope of protection of chemical and pharmaceutical patents |
| 12.00 p.m. – 12.30 p.m. Laura Haas/Alexander Rabe | SPCs and patent term extensions (PTEs) |
| 12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m. | Lunch break |

Session II

1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Sebastian Engels/industry speaker, tbd

Legal and commercial aspects of license agreements, competition law aspects

3.00 p.m. – 3.20 p.m.

Coffee break

3.20 p.m. – 4.20 p.m.

Christian W. Appelt

Invalidation of granted patents (EPO opposition procedures/German invalidation procedures/UPC central invalidation)

4.20 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Felix Hermann

Preparation of EPO oral proceedings of July 3rd

Part 2: Patents, Utility Models, Designs

Day 3 – Thursday, July 3, 2025

Session I

9.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

Attending EPO oral hearings
(videoconference)

At the office of
BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT
Pettenkoferstr. 22
80336 Munich

12.00 p.m. – 1.20 p.m.

Lunch break

1.20 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Transfer to Adina Hotel

Session II

2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.
Michael Rüberg/Carl-Richard
Haarmann

Patent litigation in Europe and Germany
(national and UPC procedures)

3.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.
Hanno Flentje

Utility models in Germany – a useful
weapon in litigation

3.30 p.m. – 3.50 p.m.

Coffee break

3.50 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.
Carl-Richard Haarmann

Defence measures against enforcement of
patents – preliminary injunctions, customs
procedures, criminal actions

4.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.
Gabriele Mohsler (Ericsson)/
Edmund Mangold (BMW Group)

SEP/FRAND developments – industry
perspectives

Part 2: Patents, Utility Models, Designs

Day 4 – Friday, July 4, 2025

Session I

9.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

UPC mock trial

Moderation: Christian W. Appelt

Legal Judge

Victor Fetscher

Technical Judge

Dennis Kretschmann

Attorneys at Law Plaintiff

Carl-Richard Haarmann
Micheline Verwohlt

Patent Attorney Plaintiff

Christoph Angerhausen

Attorneys at Law Defendant

Michael Rüberg
Melanie Müller

Patent Attorney Defendant

Andreas Lucke

12.00 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Lunch break

1.00 p.m.

Departure to Lake Starnberg

Half-day Excursion

2.00 p.m.

**Half-day excursion with boat trip on
Lake Starnberg – Coffee break and
dinner in Bavarian restaurant**