

Program Overview

IP Summer Course 2026

Obtaining, Enforcing and Evaluating
Intellectual Property Rights in Europe



Dates and Venue

June 29, 2026

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

June 30 – July 03, 2026

Part 2: Patents, Utility Models, Designs

Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten Kempinski
Maximilianstraße 17, 80539 Munich, Germany

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

Monday, June 29, 2026

Session I

9.00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

Opening address

9.20 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.

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.

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.

Infringement of trade marks – a case study

Part 2: Patents, Utility Models, Designs

Day 1 - Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Session I

9.00 a.m. – 9.20 a.m.	Opening address
09.20 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.	Strategies of obtaining patent protection in Europe (national, EP, PCT, UPC)
10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	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.	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

1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Novelty and inventive step under EPC
2.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Design protection in Europe
3.00 p.m. – 3.20 p.m.	Coffee break
3.20 p.m. – 3.50 p.m.	Trusted depository (TD) for trade secrets and data – a supplement to patent protection
3.50 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	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

Part 2: Patents, Utility Models, Designs

Day 2 – Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Session I A – IP & IT

9.00 a.m. – 9.40 a.m.	Patenting of software-based inventions in Germany and Europe
9.40 a.m. – 10.20 a.m.	A change of perspective: highlighting the technical features of software-based inventions
10.20 a.m. – 11.00 p.m.	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.	Licensing software and OSS considerations
12:00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Use of AI in patent prosecution

Session I B – Biotech and Pharma

09.00 a.m. – 09.45 a.m.	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.	Plausibility, sufficiency of disclosure and inventive step of biotechnological inventions
10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	
11.00 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.	Antibody and epitope patent claims
11.15 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	
12.00 p.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Coffee break
12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.	Scope of protection of chemical and pharmaceutical patents
	SPCs and patent term extensions (PTEs)
	Lunch break

Session II

1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.

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.

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

4.20 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Preparation of EPO oral proceedings of July 3rd

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Day 3 – Thursday, July 2, 2026

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 Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten
Kempinski**

Session II

2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.

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

3.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.

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.

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

4.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

SEP/FRAND developments – industry
perspectives

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Day 4 – Friday, July 3, 2026

Session I

9.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

UPC mock trial

Legal Judge

Technical Judge

Attorneys at Law Plaintiff

Patent Attorney Plaintiff

Attorneys at Law Defendant

Patent Attorney Defendant

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.

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