

# Program Overview

## IP Summer Course 2026

Obtaining, Enforcing and Evaluating  
Intellectual Property Rights in Europe  
(Subject to change)



### 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.  
Carl-Richard Haarmann

### **Opening address**

9.20 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.  
Malte Nentwig

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, June 30, 2026

### Session I

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

Special Features of EPO prosecution – How  
to avoid pitfalls (Art. 123 (2), (3) EPC, Art.  
83/84 EPC)

12.20 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.

**Lunch break**

### Session II

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. – 4.00 p.m.  
Malte Windeler

Protection of secret know-how in Europe

4.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.  
Heinz Goddar | Melanie Müller

Trusted depository (TD) for trade secrets  
and data – a supplement to patent  
protection

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 1, 2026

### Session I A – IP & IT

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.	<b>Coffee break</b>
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

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. Fabian Schmidt	Antibody and epitope patent claims
11.00 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.	<b>Coffee break</b>
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.	<b>Lunch break</b>

## Session II

1.30 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.

Prof. Beat Weibel (Head of ETH transfer IP & Licensing) | Sebastian Engels

Legal and commercial aspects of license agreements

3.15 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.

**Coffee break**

3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Christian W. Appelt

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

4.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Felix Hermann

Preparation of EPO oral proceedings of July 3<sup>rd</sup>

6.00 p.m.

**Sightseeing City Tour followed by dinner in a Bavarian restaurant**

## Part 2: Patents, Utility Models, Designs

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  
Pettenkofenstr. 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.  
Michael Rüberg

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 (VP Patent Development,  
Ericsson) | Edmund Mangold (Senior Patent Counsel,  
BMW Group)

SEP/FRAND developments – industry  
perspectives

## Part 2: Patents, Utility Models, Designs

Day 4 – Friday, July 3, 2023

### Session I

9.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

UPC mock trial

Moderation: Christian W. Appelt

Legal Judge

Victor Fetscher

Technical Judge

Jakob Valvoda

Attorneys at Law Plaintiff

Carl-Richard Haarmann  
Lars Eggersdorfer

Patent Attorney Plaintiff

Christoph Angerhausen

Attorneys at Law Defendant

Michael Rüberg

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