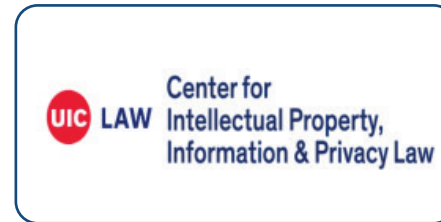
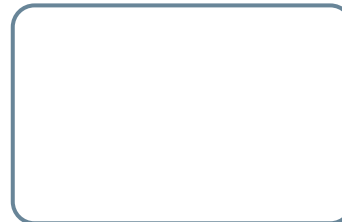




International IP Practice Seminar

Patents, Trademarks, Designs

September 21, 2023
2:15 – 7:30 pm CEST
7:15 – 12:30 pm CDT



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Schedule

7:15 a.m.

Virtual Rooms Open

7:30 a.m.

Welcome

Yolanda M. King, Center for IP, Information & Privacy Law, UIC Law, Illinois, USA

Matthias Reischle-Park, Deputy Director & Head, PCT Legal Division, Patents & Technology Sector, WIPO, Switzerland

7:35 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.

Session 1 | "Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Update"

Moderator/Panelist: Matthias Reischle-Park, Deputy Director & Head, PCT Legal Division, Patents & Technology Sector, WIPO, Switzerland

- **Detlef von Ahsen**, Partner, Kuhnen & Wacker, Germany
- **Nancy Song**, Partner, Linda Liu & Partners, Beijing, China
- **Marcus J. Thymian**, Founder, GrowIP Law Group, USA

9:20 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Session 2 | "Unified Patent Court (UPC) - Preparing for a Case"

Moderator/Panelist: Detlef von Ahsen, Partner, Kuhnen & Wacker, Germany

- **Eva van Wanrooij**, VP, Regional IP, Johnson & Johnson, Netherlands
- **Matteo Mussi**, Avvocato, Partner at LAWTELIER Avvocati Associati, Italy
- **Jean-Martin Chevalier**, Avocat, Partner at COUSIN & ASSOCIES, France
- **Dr. Eckart Warnke**, Partner at rwzh Attorneys at Law, Germany

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Session 3 | "Key Developments in International Trademark & Design Law"

- Updates and Recent Developments in European and U.S. Trademark & Design Law

Moderator/Panelist: Dr. Christian Thomas, Partner, Kuhnen & Wacker, Germany

- **Chris Carani**, Shareholder, McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., USA
- **Sai Chen**, Attorney, Wei Chixue Law Firm (Linda Liu IP), Beijing, China
- Additional Panelists TBA

12:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks



Speakers



Yolanda M. King

Center for IP, Information & Privacy Law, UIC Law, Illinois, USA

Yolanda M King is the Director of the Center for Intellectual Property, Information and Privacy Law and an Associate Professor of Law at University of Illinois Chicago School of Law. She teaches Property and intellectual property law courses. Her scholarly interests include the copyrightability of tattoos, the enforcement of tattoo copyrights, right of publicity protection for celebrities' tattoos and choreography, and music licensing.

Professor King is Of Counsel at Chicago-based intellectual property law firm Advitam IP, where she advises clients on trademark protection and prosecutes federal trademark applications before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

She graduated from Harvard Law School and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.



Matthias Reischle-Park

Deputy Director & Head, PCT Legal Division, Patents & Technology Sector, WIPO, Switzerland

Matthias Reischle, a national of Germany, is Deputy Director of the PCT Legal Division of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Matthias holds a law degree from the University of Constance, Germany (1993) and an LL.M. in European Legal Studies from the College of Europe, Belgium (1994). After qualifying to practice law in Germany in 1996, he worked as a legal adviser for the International Labour Organization in Geneva.

Since joining the staff of the PCT Legal Division in 1998, he has participated in the drafting and implementation of various amendments to the Regulations under the PCT and other PCT-related texts such as the Administrative Instructions, various Guidelines, and publications such as the PCT Applicant's Guide and the PCT Newsletter. He regularly participates in training courses, seminars, and international-level meetings on the PCT and advises applicants and their representatives concerning PCT procedures.



Speakers



Dr. Christian Thomas

Partner, Kuhnen & Wacker, Germany

Christian Thomas is a partner at the IP law firm Kuhnen & Wacker in Germany. He specializes in IP-related litigation and prosecution (in particular, trademark, internet, unfair competition, design and product piracy). He studied law at Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich and joined the Munich Bar Association in 2005. He was awarded his PhD from the University of Salzburg. Before joining Kuhnen & Wacker, Dr. Thomas worked for a law firm in Australia.

Dr. Thomas represents cases before the German civil courts, the GPTO, the EUIPO, the Federal German Patent Court, the General Court and the Court of Justice of the European Union.

His memberships include AIPPI (International Association for the Protection of IP), INTA (International Trademark Association), IPO (Intellectual Property Owners Association), GRUR (German Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property).

He frequently lectures and writes on IP-related matters and has in recent years regularly moderated table topic sessions during the INTA Annual Meetings.



Detlef von Ahsen

Partner, Kuhnen & Wacker, Germany

Detlef von Ahsen is a partner with the IP Law Firm of Kuhnen & Wacker. He studied mechanical engineering and has been awarded a master's degree of Diplom-Ingenieur from the University of Darmstadt.

Von Ahsen is a German and European Patent Attorney and a European Trademark and Design Attorney who is specialized in the fields of mechanical engineering (road and rail motor vehicles, ship building, internal combustion engines, agricultural engineering, construction/civil engineering), thermal and sound insulation technologies as well as electrical engineering, chemical and biological engineering.

He also has experience in the oil and gas industry and has been involved in many litigation cases. Prior to joining Kuhnen & Wacker, Detlef von Ahsen worked as a patent attorney with his own law firm and as a product engineer with Baker Hughes Inteq. He also lectured on "Patent Practice for Engineers" at the University of Applied Science, Bremen and has most recently presented seminars in Germany and China.



Speakers



Nancy Song

Partner, Linda Liu & Partners, Beijing, China

Nancy Song is a Chinese patent attorney who has passed U.S. patent bar in 2018. She holds her degree in EE from Tsinghua University and gained her LL.M. from Santa Clara University as a Silicon Valley Law Fellow and CALI award winner. She specializes in computer databases, medical instruments, and secured identification and authentication instruments. Her practice encompasses patent drafting, prosecution, invalidation, portfolio analysis, and commercial advice in these areas.

She works in Chinese and English, and is proficient in reading Japanese literature, serving domestic and global clients in patent prosecution for over a decade. She started her patent career in a global leader of consumer IC design. She is trusted in handling transferred-in cases, rectifying defects in prior prosecution and overturning unfavorable results for the clients. Clients praise for seamless communication with her, especially for being responsive, providing helpful advice with few delay, which all contributes to "the perfect cooperation partner in China for patent prosecution" according to IAM Patent 1000. She has handled more than 1,000 Office Actions and prepared hundreds of new applications.



Marcus J. Thymian

Founder, GrowIP Law Group, USA

Marcus Thymian is a co-founder of GrowIP Law Group LLC. Marcus helps clients to obtain, enforce, and defend against patents involving a range of technologies. His past work has spanned many technologies, including medical devices, semiconductors, electronic trading software, artificial intelligence, machine learning, data communications, cables and connectors, 3D printing, photocatalytic chemical reactors, LED light fixtures, graphical user interfaces (GUIs), and unmanned aerial vehicles, among others. His clients have ranged from small start-ups to Fortune 100 multinational corporations.

In addition to formulating IP portfolio strategies to protect companies' most valuable products and services, Marcus prepares and prosecutes utility and design patent applications to help build patent portfolios. Marcus' litigation practice includes representing both patent owners and accused infringers. He spends much of his time helping clients to resolve disputes before they reach trial. He has negotiated numerous case-ending settlements involving licensing arrangements, lump-sum payments, and other more creative solutions. However, when parties are not ready to settle, Marcus aggressively litigates to put his clients in the best position to win.

Prior to founding GrowIP, Marcus worked alongside his co-founder Kirsten as an equity partner at a prominent IP boutique in Chicago. In addition to his time spent serving clients, Marcus also serves as a mentor in the 1871 incubators for digital startups.

In his spare time, Marcus enjoys spending time with his family participating in a multitude of "silent sports", including cross country skiing, mountain biking, road biking, running, hiking, sailing, kayaking, and canoeing adventures.



Speakers



Eva van Wanrooij

VP, Regional IP, Johnson & Johnson, Netherlands

In my current role in the JNJ law department, I lead the regional patent organizations supporting Latin America, Asia-Pacific, and Europe, Middle-East/Africa, and work with our MedTech and Pharmaceutical team members across the globe. The main objectives for our organization are helping our business partners to understand their local patent portfolios and how to effectively and fairly use that portfolio to enable further innovation and provide safe and effective healthcare solutions to patients. In addition, we use our deep understanding of local markets and their patent laws to develop our future global patent strategies.

Prior to my current role I have worked for Janssen in Belgium from 2011-2017 as patent counsel supporting Janssen Infectious Diseases. I was a Board Member of the Dutch Patent Attorney Association for 9 years, including a two-year term as the Association's president. In prior IP positions, I managed IP portfolios for medical devices and diagnostics at Phillips Health Tech and helped build and lead the IP Department at Nutreco, a Dutch multinational animal feed and nutrition company.

I have a Bachelor's degree in Dutch Law, a Master's degree in Corporate Law with a focus on Intellectual Property and a Masters and PhD degree in Biopharmaceutical Science.

I am energized every day by working at the crossroads of different cultures, science and law and having the opportunity to learn new things, to get to know other people and understand what drives them.

Outside of work I like to spend time with family and friends, sleep, repeat... preferably in an environment that involves either mountains or sea or both and best accompanied by bright sunshine and good food!



Matteo Mussi

Avvocato, Partner at LAWTELIER Avvocati Associati, Italy

Matteo has always focused his practice in intellectual property law. Before joining Lawtelier he practiced in a major boutique law firm in Milan where he had the chance to develop an accurate expertise in this specific area of law.

Matteo developed a significant expertise on patents, trademarks, design, unfair competition, domain names and he counseled in some of the major Italian cases. He also assists clients in corporate transactions dealing with intellectual property issues.

Matteo assists Italian and foreign companies of all sizes and belonging to different industries, in particular food, automotive, fashion, mechanical, packaging, furniture and GDO industries. Matteo constantly lectures on intellectual property topics and he is a member of AIPPI, INTA, LES Italy and ECTA.

He took the Laurea in Giurisprudenza at the Università degli Studi di Milano and he has been admitted to practice law in Italy in 2006. In 2018 he has also been admitted to practice before the Corte di Cassazione (Italian Supreme Court).



Speakers



Jean-Martin Chevalier

Avocat, Partner at COUSIN & ASSOCIES, France

French Lawyer (Avocat) registered at the Paris Bar since 1998, Jean-Martin Chevalier is partner at the French law firm COUSIN & ASSOCIES and as such specialized in IP-law from the beginning of his career.

Totally bilingual French/German, he holds an advanced post graduate diploma (DESS) in Industrial Property law (University of Paris II – Panthéon Sorbonne).

His core practice is dedicated to patent and plant patent litigation.

He contributed with Pierre Cousin on writing the French book (Jurisclasseur) about the application of the Munich Convention in French law, and teaches at the French CEIPI.



Dr. Eckart Warnke

Partner at rwzh Attorneys at Law, Germany

Qualification and Position

German attorney-at-law, admission to the bar in 2005, certified specialist lawyer in IP law since 2011 and partner according to the German act on partnership companies.

Biography

Law studies at the Marburg Philipps-University, law studies at the Munich Ludwig-Maximilians-University, mandatory legal preparatory service in Munich, doctorate in the field of software contracting practice with national and international law and patent firms, among others Lorenz Seidler Gossel as well as Boehmert & Boehmert in Munich, establishment of the specialist law office Warnke Individual IP in Munich.

Specialisation

Protective rights: trademarks and other designations, patents and utility models, designs, unfair competition, antitrust law, law of employees' inventions, licensing and technology transfer, strategic consulting and portfolio management, litigation and arbitration, customs monitoring/seizure and customs inspection measures at fairs.



Speakers



Chris Carani

Shareholder, McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., USA

Christopher V. Carani is a shareholder at McAndrews and has been at the firm since 1995. He practices in all areas of intellectual property law with a particular emphasis on design law.

Chris has extensive experience litigating design patent cases, including representations before U.S. district courts, the Federal Circuit, the U.S. Supreme Court and the International Trade Commission. In 2019, Chris was named to the IAM Strategy 300: The World's Leading IP Strategists list, with IAM magazine noting that he is "one of the world's leading design patent strategists." In 2015, IAM magazine first included Chris in its IAM Patent 1000, referring to him as one of the U.S.'s "pre-eminent design law experts." In 2016, IAM Magazine noted that he "is one of the nation's top design patent specialists."

Chris is currently the chair of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI) Design Rights Committee. He is the former chair of the American Bar Association's Design Rights Committee, and also a member of the American Intellectual Property Law Association's (AIPLA) Committee on Industrial Designs. Chris is currently vice president of the U.S. chapter of AIPPI.

Chris is on the faculty of the Northwestern University School of Law as an Adjunct Professor of Law teaching Intellectual Property Law & Policy, a course which covers patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret law. Chris is also an Adjunct Professor at Chicago-Kent College of Law teaching a course on Design Law, which is one of only a few such courses in the U.S.

Prior to joining McAndrews, Chris served as a law clerk to the Honorable Rebecca R. Pallmeyer of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Chris received his Juris Doctorate from The University of Chicago Law School. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Marquette University.



Sai Chen

Attorney, Wei Chixue Law Firm (Linda Liu IP), Beijing, China

Sai (Jie) CHEN is a Chinese attorney-at-law with nearly two decades of experience and focus on IP related litigation, boasting Supreme Court typical Cases for several years in the past decade, as one of the IP experts in China. Sai has overall extensive experience in IP litigation cases before Chinese courts. She represents clients from medium sized companies to Fortune 500 around the world. Recently she served as the Chinese counsel for Nanoco in its China parallel patent infringement litigation which gives Nanoco leverage in its \$150 million settlement with Samsung. She is often seen as a "go-to" attorney in China IP related litigations by both Fortune 500 and medium-sized high-tech companies.



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