

Patent Highlights 2015

US Patent Challenges:

Post-grant Trials and Subject-matter Eligibility

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Outlook

Under the term "Patent Highlights" the organizers want to offer advanced patent training of major significance or special interest, in the form of one-day sessions. This training is held in duplicate: in Madrid and in Barcelona, in two consecutive days.

The America Invents Act (AIA), enacting the first major overhaul of the US patent system in over 50 years, went into effect almost 3 years ago. One of the major changes was the implementation of post-grant trials providing the opportunity for anyone to challenge the validity of granted patent claims. Over 3500 petitions challenging almost 35,000 claims have been filed in the 2 years these post-grant trials have been available. These new proceedings in the US are substantially different from European oppositions, and patent owners and petitioners alike must be prepared for these new challenges available in the US.

Additionally, over the last 2 years there have been several other significant developments in US patent law regarding the scope of patent eligible subject matter. These changes primarily affect software and biologic inventions, but impact practically all technologies.

Join us as we discuss these recent developments, how they affect your everyday practice, and how to utilize the numerous changes in the best interest of your companies or clients.

Objective

This one-day course will provide an in-depth and timely analysis of several significant changes in US patent law including recent court decisions affecting patentable subject matter and ongoing developments in post-grant trial under AIA that European practitioners should pay special attention to.

Who should attend

Spanish or European patent attorneys, patent lawyers, patent examiners, intellectual property consultants, experts from patent departments in industry and from technology transfer offices of research institutions or universities.



1. Post-grant trials under the AIA. What are they?

Just like oppositions? Not quite.

2. Possible strategies for post-grant trials and their interplay with concurrent litigation.

Perspectives for patent owners and petitioners.

3. Possible strategies for surviving post-grant trials.

Original prosecution through trial and appeal.

4. Recent US Court decisions on patent-eligible subject matter and the US Patent Office's examination guidelines.

What is still patentable? Software? Biologics?



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Dr. Tridico is the managing partner of Finnegan's European office in London. He practices all aspects of intellectual property law, from strategic patent portfolio management to litigation.



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James Barney has a J.D. degree from Yale Law School and a B.S. in Chemistry from the U.S. Naval Academy. Mr. Barney is a partner in Finnegan's Washington D.C. office and currently leads the firm's appellate practice.

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In Madrid

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Time

In Madrid: 10:00 to 18:00 h
In Barcelona: 10:00 to 17:00 h
With lunch break

Registration

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Notes

A certificate of attendance will be provided under request
The organizers reserve the right to cancel this course or to modify any aspect thereof. Besides, they are not responsible for the opinions expressed by the speakers.
Lectures will be delivered in English. Questions may also be asked in Spanish.

In Barcelona

Thursday, 3 December 2015
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Attendance Fee

250.00 EUR + 21% VAT (if applicable)
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