

Toward a European Patents Court - a seminar on patent law harmonisation in Europe

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Miller Sturt Kenyon invites you to a buffet lunch followed by a seminar on recent trends towards harmonisation of UK and German case law and progress on establishing a central European patents court. The seminar will be held in Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo. Details of the venue will be provided on application. There is no charge for the event.

Venue:

New Hall, British Embassy,
No 1 Ichiban-cho, Chiyoda-ku,
Tokyo 102-8381

Date:

24 May 2010

Time:

Buffet Lunch from 12.30pm
Seminar 1.30–3.15pm

Speakers:

Andrew Cloughley
Matthew Turner

*Both speakers are UK and
European Patent Attorneys.*

Programme:

12.30–1.30 Buffet lunch

1.30–2.15 Comparison of recent patent
case law in the UK and Germany

2.15–3.00 Progress towards a central
European Patents Court

3.00–3.15 Questions: any questions
on the effect of the recent changes
to the EPC Implementing Regulations
will also be welcome

*The seminar will be given in English with
a simultaneous translation into Japanese*

The first talk will focus on several key recent patent cases before the UK and German courts, which suggest that the two jurisdictions may be moving closer to a common approach to interpreting and assessing the validity of patent claims. The lecture will highlight areas in which the courts of the two countries have differed from the approach to patent claims taken by the EPO.

The second talk will discuss the recent agreement by the EU Competitiveness Council on basic aspects of a unified patent litigation system for Europe. Many of the most important features of the proposed system have now been decided and the seminar will outline how the system is expected to operate.

Following the two lectures, there will be a question and answer session. As well as questions relating to the topics discussed in the seminar, the speakers would welcome questions relating to the practical implications of the new EPO rules that came into force at the beginning of April 2010.

Map

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Booking

To book a place at the seminar, please send the completed form by e-mail to events@mstkpatents.com or by fax to +44 20 7430 0275.

Name of attendee(s)*: _____

Company: _____

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*If necessary, please provide the names of all the attendees on a separate sheet

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

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