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One Year Unified Patent Court, where do we stand?

June 1, 2024, marks the one-year anniversary of the launch of the Unified Patent Court (UPC). This significant milestone presents an excellent opportunity to conduct a comprehensive review of its inaugural year and contemplate the future of this unique new European legal system. We cordially invite you to join us for a high-level conference on the eve of the UPC's first full year of operation, where we will collectively assess, reflect upon, and deliberate the achievements and prospects of the UPC.

We are delighted and honored to announce that Dr. Klaus Grabinski, President of the Court of Appeal, will act as our keynote speaker. Additionally, judges from the Hamburg Local Division will be participating in this event. Thought leaders from academia, the private sector, and the judiciary will share their insights and perspectives with a diverse audience that includes in-house counsel, attorneys at law, patent attorneys, judges, and scholars — all of whom are directly affected by the functioning of the UPC.

The conference will delve into the most pressing issues and challenges encountered during the first year of UPC operations, including topics such as damages, SEP/FRAND, and preliminary injunctions. Presentations will also explore specific particularities of the regional divisions, as well as the utilization of the UPC case management system.

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09:00 - 09:15 WELCOME

Prof. Dr. Michael Grünberger, LL.M (NYU), President of Bucerius Law School
Dr. Lars Birken, Eisenführ Speiser

09:15 - 10:00 KEYNOTE

Dr. Klaus Grabinski, President of the Court of Appeal

10:00 - 11:00 PANEL 1: HOW DOES THE UPC BECOME A TRULY EUROPEAN COURT SYSTEM?

Dr. Ingo Beckedorf, EPO Boards of Appeal
Kai Härmand, UPC Stockholm Regional Division
Dr. Thomas Schwarzweller, NXP Semiconductors
Arie Tol, Philips
Moderation: Anne Marie Verschuur, De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek

11:00 - 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 - 12:30 PANEL 2: DAMAGES & COSTS

Dr. Vittorio Cerulli Irelli, Trevisan & Cuonzo
Michael Munsch, Omni Bridgeway
Dr. Stefan Schilling, UPC Hamburg Local Division
Dr. Michael Schneider, Eisenführ Speiser
Moderation: Prof. Dr. Linda Kuschel, LL.M. (Harvard), Bucerius Law School

12:30 - 13:30 JOINT LUNCH BREAK

13:30 - 14:30 PANEL 3: EXTERNAL VIEW ON THE UPC

Duck Soon Chang, Kim & Chang
Dr. Darren Smyth, EIP Amar
Edmund J. Walsh, Wolf Greenfield
Moderation: Prof. Dr. Dana Beldiman, LL.M. (Santa Clara), Bucerius Law School

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14:30 - 15:30 PANEL 4: PRELIMINARY INJUNCTIONS & INSPECTION ORDERS

Prof. Dr. Matthias Leistner, LL.M. (Cambridge), Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich
Johanna Flythström, Roschier
Dr. Clemens-August Heusch, Nokia
Philipp Rastemborski, Eisenführ Speiser
Moderation: Christian Stoll, Hogan Lovells

15:30 - 16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00 - 16:30 EXCURSE: INSIGHTS FROM THE DEPUTY-REGISTRAR / CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Axel Jacobi, UPC Deputy-Registrar
Moderation: Dr. Dr. Constantin Blanke-Roeser, Bucerius Law School

16:30 - 17:30 PANEL 5: UPC & SEP/FRAND

Prof. Dr. Mary-Rose McGuire, M. jur. (Göttingen), Osnabrück University
Jako Eleveld, Philips
Dr. Andy Gray, Vectis IP
Stephen A. Marshall, Willkie Farr & Gallagher
Moderation: Sönke Scheltz, Eisenführ Speiser

17:30 CLOSING WORDS

Prof. Dr. Dana Beldiman, LL.M. (Santa Clara), Bucerius Law School
Prof. Dr. Linda Kuschel, LL.M. (Harvard), Bucerius Law School

17:45 RECEPTION

Stage Host: Dr. Fabian Flüchter, Bucerius Law School, Hogan Lovells

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