

US PATENT PRACTICE

What Every European Patent Practitioner Should Understand

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US and European patent practice differ in many essential ways. The comprehensive programme of this webcast will highlight and explain these differences from the US point of view, giving viewers a better understanding of the US system, and enabling them to work more effectively with their US counterparts.

PROGRAMME DAY ONE

Introduction

Brief update on US Patent Law, including an overview of the current status of affairs of the US Patent Office, recent and pending legislation and US Supreme Court decisions.

Summary of Statutory Requirements for Patentability

Types of Claims

35 USC § 112 – Specification, Enablement, Written Description, Claims

▶ **Enablement**

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▶ **Written Description**

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▶ **Best Mode**

▶ **Means plus function (35 USC § 112 ¶ 6)**

▶ **Definiteness**

▶ **Common Errors in Claim Drafting**

▶ **Successful US Claim Drafting**

▶ **Claim Construction**

- Drafting and Prosecution Considerations