

LES Benelux

Topic Day “UPC/UP and BREXIT – Harmony and Discord”

4 October 2018 – The Hague (NL)

PROGRAM

- 12.00 – 13.00** Registration and welcome -walking lunch/coffee
- 13.00 – 13.15** Welcome by the chair Claudia Zeri, BarentsKrans
- 13.15 – 14.00** Wouter Pors, Bird & Bird - UPC and UP: Status update and the UPC in the Benelux
- 14.00 – 14.45** Leythem Wall, Finnegan Europe LLP - Post-grant Proceedings in the US and UPC revocation actions in Europe
- 14.45 – 15.15** Achim Krebs, HGF Netherlands - Are you prepared for the Sunrise Period ?
- 15.15 – 15.45** Coffee Break
- 15.45 - 16:30** Lee Curtis, HGF UK - Practical issues of Brexit
- 16.30 – 17.00** Panel Session
Harmonization versus separation: Potential Impact of UPC, UP and Brexit;
how to include in existing and new licensing agreements.
- 17.00** Closing remarks and networking drinks

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DETAILS

DATE

Tuesday 4 October 2018

VENUE

NH Hotel The Hague, Prinses Margrietplantsoen 100, 2595 BR The Hague (NL).

The NH Den Haag hotel sits on the top few floors of The Hague's World Trade Center building. It gets fantastic views across the city and puts you in easy reach of both the government and business districts. The historic city center is just 5 minutes away by public transport. For directions and information on parking see the hotel website

FEE

The fee for this meeting will be €50,00 for LES members and €70,00 for non-members.

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REGISTRATION

Please register online via the [online registration form](#)

CANCELLATION

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EDUCATIONAL POINTS

Please contact the Registration Desk at the day of the meeting for the necessary lists to sign. A certificate of attendance will be sent by e-mail after the meeting.

PARTICIPANTS

Please note that this topic meeting is open for LES members and non-members worldwide. However, from participants it is expected that they have at least an academic background (law, financial or technical).

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PROGRAM AND PRESENTATIONS

The speakers at this meeting will be kindly requested to make their presentations available for publication at the LES Benelux website. All participants will receive instructions by email how to access these presentations.

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SPEAKERS

Lee Curtis is a trade mark partner at HGF, and a chartered trade mark attorney with over 20 years' experience of trade mark and design protection both in the UK and overseas. He has been involved in all aspects of design and trade mark protection from searching, filing and prosecution through to drafting and negotiating licences and assignments in the UK and across the globe, and has experience of working for clients across a broad range of sectors, such as leading retailers, food distributors and manufacturers, banks, insurers and fashion houses. He also is a regular contributor to leading Trade Mark Law Journals, such as Managing Intellectual Property, Trademark World, ITMA Review and the Marques Newsletter, as well as a commentator on intellectual property matters for national newspapers such as The Sunday Times, The Times and Daily Mail, and for trade journals such as Retail Week, Drapers and Admap.

Achim Krebs is a patent partner at HGF, with a practice covering a wide range of chemical, pharmaceutical, energy and medical technology. Achim has considerable experience in the creation and management of cost-effective and tax optimised IP portfolios, and regularly represents clients in Opposition and Appeal Proceedings before the European Patent Office. Achim is qualified as a Dutch, Belgian and European Patent Attorney, a registered European Trade Mark and Design Attorney, and graduated from the University of Heidelberg with a diploma and a doctorate in Chemistry. Achim also holds a DESU on European Patent Infringement at the University of Strasbourg.

Wouter Pors is a partner of Bird & Bird and head of our Intellectual Property Practice in the Netherlands. He is based in The Hague. With more than 25 years of experience, he focuses on patent litigation, which also helps him to keep in touch with innovative technology. Wouter is a member of the board of the Dutch IP litigators association VIEPA and co-chair of AIPPI's standing committee on legal privilege. He is also an expert on issues regarding the Unitary Patent and the Unified Patent Court, the new patent system that is expected to go live in December 2017. He is working on this within Bird & Bird as well as AIPPI and EPLAW. Wouter was admitted to the bar in 1989 and joined us in 2001 as one of the founding partners of our office in The Hague. Before studying law, he studied architecture and building construction for several years. He also worked as a researcher at Tilburg University.

Leythem Wall is a partner at Finnegan in London (UK), a chartered UK patent attorney, a European patent attorney, a Higher Courts patent litigator, and a European trademark and design attorney who specialises in the chemical, energy, materials and medical sectors. Leythem has particular expertise in European Patent Office Oppositions and Appeals including regular representation in Oral Proceedings. He is a Board member of the European Patent Litigators Association (EPLIT) and on the CIPA Litigation Committee. Prior to Finnegan Leythem was in-house IP counsel for ExxonMobil in Brussels, and before that worked for AkzoNobel. Leythem has a Master's Degree in Chemistry from the University of Oxford, a DESU in Patent Litigation in Europe from the University of Strasbourg, and a PgCert in IP Litigation and Advocacy from Nottingham Law School.

Claudia Zeri is a Senior Associate at BarentsKrans, where she practices in all fields of Intellectual Property rights, in particular in advising and litigating in relation to patents in differing technical fields, including the telecommunications, mechanical engineering, pharmaceutical and biotechnological sectors. She also advises in and litigates before the national and EU courts in cases relating to trademark and design law (among which consumer articles and household appliances). Furthermore, Claudia advises clients in the pharmaceutical sector on national and European level with respect to regulatory proceedings relating to medicinal products.