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The Art of European Patent Claim Drafting: Fundamentals, Strategies and Practical Workshops

23-24 June 27
+ 9-10 December 27

This training course will enable you to build skills to draft, amend and defend European patents. Learn clarity, inventive step and disclosure, then apply them in a practical chemical or mechanical workshop to create robust, enforceable patents

Format:
Classroom, Live online

CPD:
12 hours for your records

Certificate of completion

Course overview

Strong claim drafting is the cornerstone of effective patent protection. In European practice, understanding both the fundamentals and the subtleties of claim drafting is essential to secure adequate protection, defend validity and prove infringement - particularly in multi-jurisdictional litigation.

This intensive two-day training course will sharpen your drafting skills and equip you with the techniques needed to meet official requirements while achieving commercially meaningful protection. Through a detailed exploration of novelty, inventive step, clarity, claim scope, description, amendments and interpretation, you will gain practical insights into what makes a robust and defensible patent claim.

Day one delivers a comprehensive foundation in claim drafting, focusing on the principles, dos and don'ts, and the legal framework shaping European practice. Day two offers a choice of interactive mechanical or chemical workshops, where you will apply what you've learned in realistic drafting scenarios. These hands-on sessions provide a safe environment to practise, refine and troubleshoot your approach under expert guidance.

With a strong emphasis on practical application, this training course ensures you leave with the knowledge and confidence to draft, amend and defend patent claims effectively across jurisdictions.

During this thorough and well-structured training programme, the expert trainers use a mix of theory, examples, exercises and workshops to cover the fundamentals and advanced drafting issues and help embed the learning. Plus, ample time is built in for discussion, enabling you to address your specific challenges and benefit from the trainers' expertise.

** This training course combines a full day of claim drafting fundamentals with a further day of focused workshops. **Attendees have the choice to attend either a mechanical or chemical workshop on day two.**

PLEASE NOTE:
Attendees will benefit from bringing a copy of the European Patent Convention with them.

Benefits of attending

By attending this highly practical training course you will:

- **Strengthen** your understanding of patentable inventions and how to frame them effectively in claims
- **Analyse** prior art and inventive step to draft stronger, defensible claims
- **Master** sufficiency of disclosure to ensure your patents withstand scrutiny
- **Achieve** commercially meaningful protection by balancing scope and compliance with official requirements
- **Refine** descriptions and drawings to support robust, enforceable claims
- **Practise** drafting selection inventions in the chemical workshop
- **Develop** skills in functional claiming through the mechanical workshop
- **Compare** European and US practice to navigate key differences and strategic compromises

Who should attend?

This training course has been specially designed for patent attorney trainees, patent professionals new to claim drafting, and non-European patent attorneys seeking insight into EPO practices and decision-making around patent claims.

- Patent professionals and specialists
- Trainee and junior patent attorneys
- European patent attorneys
- Patent attorneys in private practice
- Corporate and in-house patent attorneys and lawyers
- Patent consultants and agents
- IP and patent managers
- US attorneys working in Europe
- Non-European patent attorneys wanting an insight into the EPO
- Legal professionals and associates in IP and patent law firms

Programme

Day 1

Know the invention

- Know the client
- Understand the invention
- Novelty
- The invention and the prior art
- Inventive step

Claim drafting fundamentals

- Clarity and clarity issues
- Claim scope
- Dos and don'ts

The importance of a good description

- Structure of the description
- Amendments and clarity
- Sufficiency of disclosure

Amendments

- Legal background
- In the priority year
- After filing
- Limitation
- Opposition
- Inescapable trap

Claim interpretation

- Art. 69 EPC
- Before and after grant
- UPC

International considerations

- US
- Asia
- PCT
- Drafting a global application

Day 2

Chemical workshop - Introduction

- Warm-up exercises
- Chemical claim types

Chemical workshop - Further considerations for chemical drafting

- Exclusion from patentability
- Exceptions to patentability
- Parameters
- Selection inventions
- Disclaimers
- Inventive step vs sufficiency
- Sufficiency vs clarity
- Drafting to allow for future amendments

Chemical workshop - Claim drafting exercise

- Invention description
- Essential features
- Optional features
- Examples
- Technical effects
- Prior art
- Drafting independent claims
- Drafting dependent claims
- Drafting the description

Mechanical workshop - Preparation phase

- Closest prior art selection
- Novel and inventive features
- Claim categories, technical fields

Mechanical workshop - Claim sketching

- Requirements of a patent
- Novelty
- Inventive step
- Clarity
- Essential features

Mechanical workshop - Claim drafting

- Functional claiming
- Mere juxtaposition of features
- One- and two-part claims
- Scope of protection. How broad?

Mechanical workshop - Dependent claims

- Claim trees
- Claim dependencies

Mechanical workshop - Drafting the description

- Support inventive step
- Create fall-back positions

Mechanical workshop - Exercises

- The problem-solution approach
- Closest prior art selection
- Claim categories
- Novelty and inventive features

Presenters



Leythem Wall

Leythem Wall is a European and UK patent attorney and litigator specialising in the chemical, consumer products, energy, material, mechanical, medical and pharmaceutical sectors. Prior to founding Oxon IP, he was a Partner in major European and US Intellectual Property law firms, and before then in-house patent counsel for ExxonMobil and AkzoNobel. He has extensive experience in patent drafting, prosecution and particularly oppositions before the European Patent Office. Having worked in private practice and industry for European and US companies, he has significant knowledge of the US patent system, and how this compares with Europe.



Joeri Beetz

Joeri Beetz, Patent Attorney, Keltie LLP, specialises in patents in the fields of mechanical engineering, physics and control software. Amongst all the different technologies he has been extensively involved in are optical recording, medical devices, agricultural equipment, lighting, displays and automotive. He regularly represents clients in opposition procedures at the EPO, both to defend and to attack patents.

Joeri spent nine years in a Dutch patent firm based in Eindhoven, after five years of working at the in-house patent department of CNH Industrial. He joined Keltie in 2017. During his in-house period he managed a large patent portfolio for a broad range of different combine harvesters. At CNH Industrial, he built an extensive expertise in freedom to operate and patent infringement analysis and gained a keen insight in the commercial implications of different IP strategies.

In 2002, Joeri obtained his masters degree in physics at the University of Utrecht. In his final year at University, he built and tested equipment for testing particle detectors for the ALICE experiment at the Large Hadron Collider at CERN.

Course dates

23-24 June 27	**Classroom** Venue TBC *Course code 17258*	GBP **1,399** ~~1,599~~ EUR **1,959** ~~2,239~~ USD **2,247** ~~2,559~~ **Until 28 Apr**
9-10 December 27	**Live online** 09:00-17:00 **UK (London)** (UTC+00) *Course code 17547*	GBP **1,199** ~~1,399~~ EUR **1,679** ~~1,959~~ USD **1,927** ~~2,239~~ **Until 14 Oct**

How to book

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Fee
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Reviews

★★★★★

A professional but also very open and informal approach, easy to interact and ask questions.

Kim Hed
Patent Specialist
Jotun AS
Nov 2 2023

★★★★★

Overall opinion is that it was great. Interesting content, well presented, nice speakers that involved the audience. The level of difficulty and complexity was spot on for me, I knew about some things beforehand, but new information was scattered throughout which always kept things interesting.

Per Görts
Patent Consultant
Ström och Gulliksson
Nov 2 2023

★★★★★

[Speakers were] Energetic and willing to share their knowledge and professional experience. Created a good atmosphere which made possible the attendees to intervene. The speakers always took the best from their audience and incorporated in the flow of the lesson. The content was very well organized to include all the important aspects of EPC and the case law seemed easy to understand. The speakers were very focused and insisted on the important aspects, not only for those preparing for the EQE, but business view.

Rita Noronha
Patent Manager
BIAL – Portela & Cª, S.A.
May 24 2022

★★★★★

Very good.

Mathilda Janson
Patent consultant
Ström & Gulliksson
May 20 2021

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