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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Date 20 May 2004

Times Start: 09.30 Finish: 17.00

Registration & Coffee 09.00

Venue

The Rembrandt Hotel, 11 Thurloe Place, London SW7.

Directions

Opposite V&A Museum.

Nearest Underground station: South Kensington.

Map available on Website under Hotels and Venues.

Accommodation

A limited number of bedrooms have been reserved at The Rembrandt Hotel, 11 Thurloe Place, London SW7, at a special rate of £110.64 (standard single/double) inc. continental breakfast, £119.15 (superior single/double) inc. continental breakfast. All excl. VAT - subject to availability.

Hotel Tel: +44(0)20 7589 8100.

Hotel Fax: +44(0)20 7225 3363.

All bookings should be made directly with the hotel quoting Management Forum and your credit card number.

Fee

£490 + 17.5% VAT. The fee includes course documentation as well as mid-session refreshments and lunch. Invoice and joining instructions will be forwarded to you.

Conference No. H5-3104

Discounted Rate

Available on application for personnel from non-profit making organisations and registered charities.

Cancellation Policy:

Over 14 days prior to the Seminar: Cancellation fee of £75. 7/14 days prior to the Seminar: 50% of the fee.

Fewer than 7 days or if no notification received:

Registrant liable to pay FULL seminar fee.

NB: Cancellations must be received in writing to Lesley Vincent.

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New course

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Issues to be addressed at this meeting will include:

- 'Best Practices' for Specification Drafting
- Addressing Differences Between EPO and US Practice
- Maximising Scope of Protection
- Reducing Potential Objections
- Minimising Costs
- Maximising Flexibility
- Prompt Prosecution & Grant

With:

Bradley Hulbert McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff, Chicago

Ian Harris D. Young & Co, Southampton

Catherine Mallalieu D. Young & Co, London

20 May 2004

The Rembrandt Hotel, London



OBJECTIVE

This seminar will provide a comprehensive overview of the principles underlying the preparation and prosecution of patent applications in both the US and Europe. In particular, speakers from the UK and US will compare and contrast the often starkly different approaches of the European and US Patent Offices, describe the 'best practices' for preparing an application that is well suited for filing in both Europe and the US, and provide the legal basis for such practices. A worked example will be discussed in detail. The seminar will also include ongoing opportunities for participants to ask questions and discuss individual concerns.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Patent professionals and other executives who are responsible for patent applications that are filed in, and prosecuted before, both European and US Patent Offices.

ATTENDANCE LIMITED TO 30

This limitation, a unique feature of all MANAGEMENT FORUM SEMINARS will give participants the opportunity for a thorough discussion of the complex issues to be covered by the programme.

DOCUMENTATION

Delegates will receive a course material folder containing comprehensive documentation provided by the speakers, which will be a valuable source of reference for the future.

**Law Society Accreditation –
5½ hours**

A Certificate of Attendance for Professional Development will be given to each participant who completes the course.

SPEAKERS

Ian Harris is a Partner of D. Young & Co Patent and Trademark Attorneys. He is a Chartered Patent Attorney and European Patent Attorney specialising in the fields of computer hardware and software, electronics and physics. Prior to joining D. Young & Co he worked as an examiner in the computer field in both the UK and European Patent Offices and as a patent attorney with IBM UK. He is a Member of the British Computer Society and of the Institute of Linguistics.

Bradley Hulbert is a partner in McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff, a 60-lawyer patent law firm in Chicago. He has overseen the development of dozens of extensive patent portfolios and served as lead counsel in a wide range of successful patent lawsuits. In addition, he has written numerous articles and lectured extensively regarding US intellectual property law. Mr Hulbert is also an adjunct professor of law and Director, Academic and Professional Program Development, at the Chicago-Kent Law School.

Catherine Mallalieu is a Partner at D. Young & Co working in the chemical and biotechnology sectors. Her direct client base ranges from academic institutes and start-up companies to pharmaceutical and chemical companies. She has substantial experience before the EPO. She is a member of the CIPA Patents Committee and a foreign member of AIPLA.

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PROGRAMME

Drafting a patent application to comply with the differing requirements in both Europe and the US

I. Review of the similarities and differences in the statutory systems of the EPO and USPTO

- Legal aspects
- Procedural aspects
- Substantive aspects
- Formal aspects

II. 'Best Practices' for preparing one specification to comply with the European and US requirements for:

- Priority
- Added Subject Matter /New matter
- Industrial Application /Utility
- Novelty
- Inventive Step/Non obviousness
- Description and Sufficient Basis/Enablement, Written Description and Best Mode
- Claim Clarity and Conciseness/'Distinct Claiming' Requirement
- Estoppel

III. WORKED EXAMPLE