



Dear Colleagues,

Oblon and Maiwald are pleased to invite you to:

June Symposium on U.S. and European Patent Practice

Monday, June 5, 2017 at the Kimpton Lorien Hotel in Alexandria, VA

U.S. and European patent systems have their pros and cons, which do not always neatly align. Applicants for U.S. and European patents need to be aware of the peculiarities and most recent developments in each system in order to achieve the best results.

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At the joint symposium, we will together examine current aspects of IP practice including prosecuting applications and defending patents in the U.S. In particular, the symposium will address the following important topics for today's practitioners:

1. New developments in patent law: Recent developments at the U.S. Supreme Court, the European Patent Office, and in the European Unified Patent Court, functional language, indefiniteness, and patentable subject matter;
2. Efficiency and effectiveness in patent prosecution; and
3. U.S. Post-grant proceedings and European Opposition proceedings.

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This complimentary symposium will take place on Monday, June 5, 2017 at the Kimpton Lorien Hotel in Alexandria, VA, starting at 10:00AM and ending at 5:00PM. Lunch will be provided at Brabo and the day will conclude with a casual reception. CLE will be requested.

If you plan to attend, please register in advance by returning the registration form included herewith or send an e-mail to patentconference@oblon.com or empfang@maiwald.eu. The final registration deadline is May 20, 2017 and attendance is limited to 50 participants.

We look forward to welcoming you and your colleagues in Alexandria on June 5, 2017.

Sincerely,

Oblon, McClelland, Maier & Neustadt, L.L.P. & Maiwald Patentanwalts GmbH

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Event day and location

Monday, June 5, 2017
10:00AM – 5:00PM
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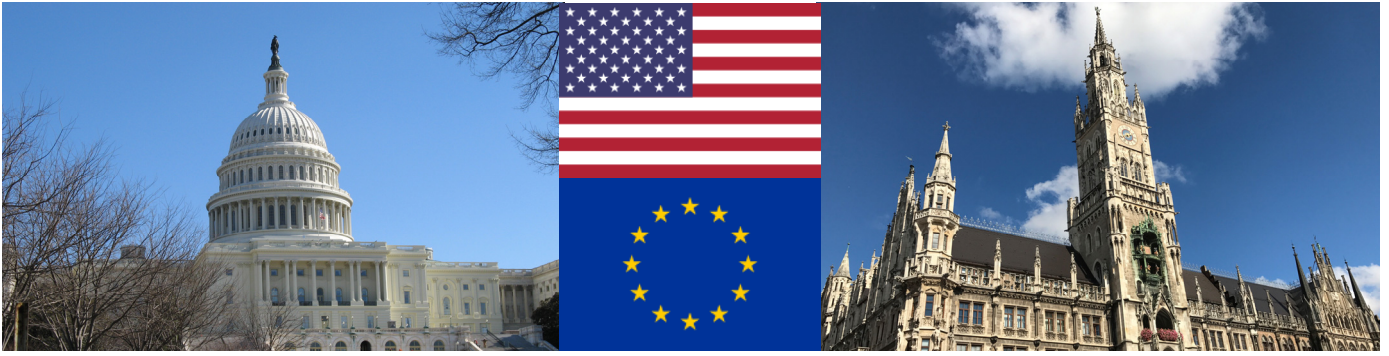
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Scheduled Program – June 5, 2017

Sign-in and coffee (9:30 am)

Morning Session (10:00 am)

Welcome address

Functional Language in U.S. Patent Claims

David M. Longo

Functional Claim Language at the EPO and elsewhere in Europe

Ralk Kotitschke

Recent Patent Developments before the U.S. Supreme Court

Andrew M. Ollis

Recent Case Law of the EPO and Outlook on the Upcoming UPC

TBD

Lunch (12:00 pm)

Brabo restaurant adjacent to the Lorien Hotel

Afternoon Session (1:30 pm)

Patent Eligible Subject Matter in the U.S.

James Love

Judicial Exceptions and Patent Eligibility (Biotech/Pharma)

Kirsten A. Grüneberg

Patent Eligible Subject Matter in Europe (Biotech/Pharma)

Alexander Ortlieb

Coffee Break (3:00 pm)

Efficiency and Effectiveness in Patent Prosecution (U.S.)

Eric Myers

Efficiency and Effectiveness in Patent Prosecution (Europe)

TBD

Post-grant Proceedings in the U.S.

Kirsten A. Grüneberg

Post-grant Proceedings before the EPO, German Courts, and the UPC

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Cocktails (5:00 pm)

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