



HOFFMANN EITLE

— Euro Law Conference 2023  
and Training Course on European Patent Law  
Program & Invitation

# Invitation – HOFFMANN EITLE Euro Law Conference 2023

We are very pleased to announce that, after a break due to the COVID-19 pandemic, HOFFMANN EITLE is again able to host an in-person Euro Law Conference in the Munich office on June 22 & 23, 2023.

The Euro Law Conference 2023 has been designed to address the complex issues associated with all areas of intellectual property protection and to help you enhance the management of your IP portfolio. These two days of networking, unrivalled learning and cutting-edge sessions, presented by leaders in IP law makes this event unmissable. It will delve into legal tech strategies and using digital tools in IP, legal frontiers at the EPO, a panel discussion on the EPO's patent quality, quantum computing technologies as a new technical frontier, the UPC after the sunrise, trends at the infringement courts, and soft IP protection for virtual and digital products and services.

For detailed information regarding the exact timing, topics which will be covered in the presentations and an outline of the speakers, please refer to the attached schedule.

A planned conference dinner hosted by HOFFMANN EITLE will take place on Thursday, June 22, at the famous Ratskeller in the city center of Munich.



## Thursday, June 22, 2023

— 09:30 **Chair's introduction**

— 09:40 **Digital Tools in IP:**

- Where are we now?
- How useful are the AI-based tools?
- How to transform a patent law firm?

Gernot Halbleib, Bucerius Law School  
Mark Jones, Hoffmann Eitle

— 11:00 Coffee/Tea

— 11:30 **News from the EPO Appeal Boards**

- Claim interpretation - when can the description be taken into account?
- Cementing the Gold standard - changes to established added matter and novelty tests
- Inventive step - how to choose the closest prior art

Christopher Rennie-Smith, former chairman  
Board of Appeal  
Adam Lacy, Hoffmann Eitle  
Boris Tchitchanov, Hoffmann Eitle

— 13:00 Lunch

— 14:00 **EPO Patent Quality** - Panel Discussion

Gabriele Mohsler, Ericsson  
Beat Weibel, Siemens  
D.X. Thomas, former EPO director  
Thorsten Bausch, Hoffmann Eitle

— 15:30 Coffee/Tea

— 16:00 **New technical frontiers: Quantum Computing**

- Insights from Industry and European Quantum Industry Consortium
- Patenting challenges (EPO, US)

Jatta Torro, IQM  
Sarah Schlotter, Wolf Greenfield  
Axel Esser, Hoffmann Eitle

— 17:30 Close of day one

— 18:30 Conference Dinner *Ratskeller München*

## Friday, June 23, 2023

### — 9:30 Legal frontiers at the EPO

- G1/19: AI-based invention – Lessons of G1/19 Michele Baccelli, Hoffmann Eitle
- G2/21: Plausibility Lasse Weinmann, Hoffmann Eitle
- G1/22 and G2/22: Matters on Priority Nicolas Douxchamps, Hoffmann Eitle

### — 11:00 Coffee/Tea

### — 11:30 UPC: The Sun is up now!

- Early Impressions
- Prosecution and Litigation Strategies Niels Hölder, Hoffmann Eitle
- Provisional Measures at the UPC Dirk Schüßler-Langeheine, Hoffmann Eitle

### — 13:00 Lunch

### — 14:00 Latest developments at the infringement courts

- Rules of Confidentiality (For your eyes only!) Holger Stratmann, Hoffmann Eitle
- Claim construction Mike Gruber, Hoffmann Eitle
- Extraterritorial Acts Maximilian Konrad, Hoffmann Eitle

### — 15:30 Coffee/Tea

### — 16:00 Soft IP: Trademarks and Designs

- Protection of virtual and digital products and services Michaela Ring, Hoffmann Eitle
- NFTs Ganna Prokhorova, Mamunya IP

### — 17:00 Close of day two



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# HOFFMANN EITLE Training Course 2023

## Training Course on European Patent Law

We are also very pleased to announce that in the first half of the same week, HOFFMANN EITLE will conduct a training course on European patent law in the Munich office on June 19 - 21, 2023.

The program provides patent practitioners with an in-depth look of European patent law. The training course will be more interactive and have more of a classroom style. It will focus on practical advice for dealing with patentable inventions (for example for Artificial Intelligence based inventions), disclosure issues, drafting pitfalls, patent prosecution work, appeals, patent litigation and oral proceedings at the EPO as well as the UPC. For detailed information regarding the exact timing/topics which will be covered in the presentations and an outline of the speakers, please refer to the schedule on the following page.

A planned training course dinner hosted by HOFFMANN EITLE will take place on Tuesday, June 20, at the Spatenhaus an der Oper in the city center of Munich.



# Euro Law Training Course

## Monday, June 19, 2023

— 09:00	Patentable Inventions	Kaspar Feldmeier / Maximilian Keck
— 10:00	Novelty	Martin Bachelin
— 11:30	Inventive Step	Irene Martin Badajoz
— 12:30	Lunch	
— 13:30	Tips and Recommendations for Drafting a European Patent Application	Felix Briza
— 14:30	Coffee/Tea	
— 15:30	Patenting AI based Inventions	Eve O'Connor / Stephanie Rupp
— 16:30	Close of day one	

## Tuesday, June 20, 2023

— 09:00	EPO Opposition	Nicolas Douxchamps
— 10:00	EPO Appeal Proceedings	Thomas Becher
— 11:00	Coffee/Tea	
— 11:30	Patent Litigation DE	Michael Pfeifer
— 12:30	Lunch	
— 13:30	Patent Litigation in UK	Matthew Birkett
— 14:30	Coffee/Tea	
— 15:30	Preparing for Oral Proceedings at the EPO	Olivier Catania / Michael Müller
— 16:30	Close of day two	
— 18:30	Training Course Dinner <b><i>Spatenhaus an der Oper</i></b>	

## Wednesday, June 21, 2023

— 09:00	Oral Proceedings at the EPO	Olivier Catania / Michael Müller
— 11:00	Coffee/Tea	
— 11:30	Oral Proceedings at the EPO (continued)	Olivier Catania / Michael Müller
— 12:30	Lunch	
— 13:30-14:30	European Patents with Unitary Effect & Unified Patent Court	Clemens Tobias Steins

## Registration – HOFFMANN EITLE Euro Law Conference and Training Course 2023

Regarding the registration, we are pleased to announce that we can offer these events for free to in-house and general counsel. If you intend to take part, we would be grateful if you could register online as soon as you can, to assist our event planning. For private practice, service and consultants, please refer to the table below for this year's registration fees. You will receive an invoice with instructions to when it should be paid. After successful online registration, you will

receive a confirmation email. We also plan to distribute the slides to all registered participants shortly before the event.

### Contact for Event

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<b>Training course</b> 19, 20, & 21 June	free	€ 950 + VAT
<b>Conference</b> 22 & 23 June	free	€ 950 + VAT
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