

IP Course for Paralegals

Alicante, 24 - 26 April 2017



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Monday, 24th April, European Union Trade Mark prosecution

08:30 – 09:00 **Arrival at EUIPO - Registration**

09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome**

Alain RASSAT, Director of Customer Service Department (CSD)
and Karin KUHL, Director of Operations Department (OD)

09:15 – 10:15 **Searches, Clearance and pre-clearance**

Searching for existing trade marks; preliminary and full searches.
What should be included in a search? EUIPO search tools, including
TMview. Case Law database.

10:15 – 11:45 **Drafting and filing a EUTM application: avoiding formalities
objections**

E-filing; Language of the application; representation of the sign;
colour claims, description of non-traditional marks, professional
representation; filing fees claiming priority and seniority; overcoming
objections and amendments.

11:45 – 12:00 **Coffee Break**

12:00 – 13:15 **Drafting and filing a EUTM application: avoiding classification
objections**

Efficient use of the harmonised database of goods & services.

13:15 – 14:30 **Lunch**

14:30 – 16:30 **Trade mark procedure (i)**

Responding to AG objections raised by the Office; means of
communication; time limits and deadlines; division of the application;
converting an application; withdrawal of the application; filing third-
party observations and other procedural aspects.

16:30 – 16:45 **Coffee Break**

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16:45 – 17:45

Maintenance of trade mark protection

Maintenance and use of the trade mark; transfers; licences; rights in rem; levy of execution, insolvency proceedings or similar proceedings; correction of errors; application to register the filing of a counterclaim before a EUTM court; application to register a judgment on a counterclaim before a EUTM court; renewal.

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09:00 – 10:30

Initiating and defending opposition proceedings (i)

Opposition e-filing; language of the proceedings; choosing the basis of the opposition; payment of the relevant fees; the importance of substantiating earlier rights.

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30

Initiating and defending opposition proceedings (ii)

Presenting facts and arguments in support of an opposition; replying to a request for proof of use; presenting documents to prove genuine use of earlier rights; settlement of oppositions; presenting facts and arguments; means of evidence; filing observations on behalf of the opponent/applicant in reply to the other party.

12:30 – 14:30

Lunch

(family picture)

Parallel Workshops

14:30 – 16:00

Trade Mark Workshop – WK1:

Examination of trade mark applications: formalities and classification related issues – absolute grounds for refusal aspects.

Practical case studies and exchange of views between participants.

RCD Proceedings Workshops – WK2:

RCD examination proceedings addressed with practical case studies.

Exchange of views between participants.

20:00

Official Dinner for participants

Wednesday, 26th April, Parallel Sessions

09:15 – 10:45

S1 Update on practical changes of EUTM system (Legal reform and Guidelines)

Learn about changes to the EU trade mark practice resulting from the legal reform and other changes to the Guidelines.

S2 Tips and tricks for becoming efficient paralegal

Share tips and tricks that will help you to become more efficient in your daily work.

10:45 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00

S3 Cancellation proceedings

Filing cancellation and other procedural aspects of the cancellation proceedings. Practical tips avoid deficiencies and issues.

S4 Appeal proceedings

Filing appeals before the Boards of Appeal and other procedural aspects of the appeals proceedings. Practical tips avoid deficiencies and issues.

12:00 – 13:00

S5 The Madrid System

Overview of the Madrid System and EUIPO practice.

S6 Update on website and tools

Learn about recent changes to the online tools provided on the EUIPO website and how to fully benefit from the new features.

13:00

Lunch