**SEPTEMBER 11- SEPTEMBER 12** 









# DAY 1, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014 - FOCUS ON PROSECUTION

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast

8:20 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. (Rainer K. Kuhnen)

Introduction to the European Patent Convention

A quick orientation through the basics

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (Rainer K. Kuhnen)

**EP Case Law of Interest** 

Get updates on significant and recent decisions

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. 🛮 Break

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. (Detlef von Ahsen)

**EP Claim Drafting Specialties** 

Become aware of the essential differences to the U.S. system by practice examples

11:45 a.m. -12:45 p.m. (Detlef von Ahsen)

Opposition

A step by step guide to the opposition procedures

12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch on Your Own

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Rainer K. Kuhnen)

**Unitary Patent and Unified Patent Court** 

What changes will have to be expected, and when?

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (James A. Forstner, Rainer K. Kuhnen and Detlef von Ahsen)

Moderated Panel Discussion: EPC (UPP) vs. AIA

How has the new statute been implemented in practice and what does this mean for patent practitioners in the US and Europe?

4:30 p.m. Adjourn



# DAY 2, SEPTEMBER 12, 2014 - FOCUS ON LITIGATION

8:00 a.m. Conference Room Opens

Includes continental breakfast

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. (Detlef von Ahsen)

Enforcement of IPRs in Europe - First Steps before Litigation begins

10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. (Detlef von Ahsen)

**Patent Infringement Litigation** 

This session highlights practical aspects in connection with litigation in Europe including Doctrine of Equivalents

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Break

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. (Rainer K. Kuhnen)

**Patent Filing Strategies** 

Find your way through the Unitary Patent, the EP patent, national patents and utility models

12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch on Your Own

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (James A. Forstner)

**International Patent Litigation**Update on current trends and figures

4:00 p.m. Adjourn



#### **SPEAKERS**

## RAINER K. KUHNEN



Rainer K. Kuhnen is a partner at the IP Law Firm Kuhnen & Wacker and specializes in patent prosecution in the fields of electrical engineering/ electronics, physics, information and computer technology as well as network technology. Rainer was awarded a master's degree of Diplom-Ingenieur in electrical engineering from the Technical University of Munich. He is a German and European Patent Attorney as well as a European Trademark and Design Attorney and has a Master of Laws' degree in European Intellectual Property.

His memberships include ABA (American Bar Association), AIPPI (GRUR - German and International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property), VPP (Association of Intellectual Property Experts) and FICPI (International Federation of Industrial Property Attorneys).

He is frequently invited to lecture on German and European Patent Practice, and has attended conferences and given presentations in several Asian countries.

## **DETLEF VON AHSEN**



Detlef von Ahsen is a partner with the IP Law Firm of Kuhnen & Wacker. He studied mechanical engineering and has been awarded a master's degree of Diplom-Ingenieur from the University of Darmstadt. Von Ahsen is a German and European Patent Attorney and a European Trademark and Design Attorney who is specialized in the fields of mechanical engineering (road and rail motor vehicles, ship building, internal combustion engines, agricultural engineering, construction/civil engineering), thermal and sound insulation technologies as well as electrical engineering, chemical and biological engineering. He also has experience in the oil and gas industry and has been involved in many litigation cases.

Prior to joining KUHNEN & WACKER, Detlef von Ahsen worked as a patent attorney with his own law firm and as a product engineer with Baker Hughes Inteq in 1991/1992. He also lectured on "Patent Practice for Engineers" at the University of Applied Science, Bremen and has most recently presented seminars in Germany and China.

#### **SPEAKERS**

# JAMES ALLAN FORSTNER



James A. Forstner has a PhD in chemistry as well as a JD. He is Of Counsel to the Kuhnen & Wacker firm and has more than 30 years of experience at E. I. du Pont de Nemours, working on international IP matters. At DuPont he served as managing counsel and corporate counsel. After retirement from DuPont, he was senior counsel at Alston and Bird.

Forstner is a Fellow of the American Intellectual Property Association and a former Board member, was a member of the Council of the Intellectual Property Law Section of the American Bar Association, and chaired many committees of these organizations. He also served as a chair of both the U.S. Bar/European Patent Office Liaison Council and the U.S. Bar/Japanese Patent Office Liaison Council, and was member of the founding Board of the U.S./C.I.S. Bar Association. He is a also a member of the U.S. Bar/SIPO Liaison Council.

He will give an overview of strategies in international patent enforcement.

#### **ABOUT**

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#### **KEY DATES**

- · Last day for early registration: Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014 add \$50 for registrations received after this date
- · Last day for full refund: Friday, Sept. 5, 2014
- · Last day for partial refund: Monday, Sept. 8, 2014 \$50 processing fee applied
- · Seminar begins: Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014, 8:20 a.m.