The Global Patent Landscape

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Agenda

- Enforcement realities
- Post-issuance validity reviews
- Remedies: Damages, royalties and injunctions
- Motions to invalidate in court under section 101
- Use of district court stays in light of PTAB proceedings
- Trade secret considerations



Enforcement Realities



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The Old World

- Slow-moving innovation
- Focus your IP strategy at home
- Pick your market and let the legal strategy follow

In a Global Economy:

- Protect products and services globally
- Choose where to enforce, but must coordinate efforts worldwide
- Increased pressure to maximize ROI on IP expenditure





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	Population	GDP	Perception of Patent Value
	326M	\$20T	
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Litigation Costs

	United States	United Kingdom	Germany	China
What level of cost should a party expect to incur to take a case through to a first instance decision?	Ranked 26 th in cost effectiveness of enforcement by TaylorWessing.	Ranked 7 th in cost effectiveness of enforcement by TaylorWessing.	Ranked 1st in cost effectiveness of enforcement by TaylorWessing.	Ranked 25 th in cost effectiveness of enforcement by TaylorWessing.
	Where the amount at stake is more than \$25 million, can be around \$6 million.	Ranges from \$650,000 to \$2.5 million.	Where the amount at stake is ~\$35 million, can be around \$900,000.	Ranges from \$200,000 to \$775,000
Can costs and attorney fees be recovered by the winning party?	Certain costs may be recoverable. Attorney fees are in "exceptional circumstances," though getting easier to obtain.	For a case at the High Court, the losing party generally pays between 50% and 70% of the winning party's costs. For a case at the IPEC, recoverable costs are capped at about \$65,000.	The losing party generally pays the winning party's costs; however, the amount recoverable is capped based on the value of the underlying claims.	The losing party generally pays the winning party's litigation costs; however, the amount recoverable depends on the reasonableness of the costs – generally low.
How long? (First instance determination)	Generally 2 to 2.5 years, but some courts have accelerated dockets	Most cases: 1 year Complex: 1.5-2 years Streamlined: 6 months	Infringement: 8-15 months Invalidity: 2 years	Infringement: 6-18 months Invalidity: 6 months







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