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PROGRAMME

8.00	Registration	
8.45	Opening remarks by Emma Barraclough, managing editor, Managing IP	
8.50	The Unified Patent Court explained in detail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to best navigate the new divisions and structures • A practical guide to making best use of the courts and mitigating costs • Understanding procedures: From starting proceedings through to trial • Strategising in advance 	Tim Powell , partner, Powell Gilbert Christian Osterrieth , partner, ROKH IP Pierre Véron , partner, Véron & Associés
9.45	Split Proceedings and the UPC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaints by Licensees, Counterclaims for Revocation against Proprietor • Bifurcation: Debunking the myths - Evaluating the possible pros and cons • Appeals against Bifurcation under the 16th draft of the Rules of Procedure • What should be learnt from current German practice? • How judges will handle bifurcation 	Jochen Meyer , head of IPR Germany, Vodafone Hon. Tilmann Büttner , Judge of the Regional Court of Düsseldorf Ulrich Blumenröder , partner, Grünecker Wolfgang Neubeck , partner, Grünecker
10.40	Coffee break and networking	
11.00	Alternative IP strategies parallel to the UPC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patent protection - are there more cost effective alternatives • Strategies to accelerate your patent applications and enforcement • Third party observations and oppositions • How to deal with 3rd party IP rights 	Simon Roberts , director of patents, BT Charles Larsen , partner, Ropes & Gray Edward Kelly , partner, Ropes & Gray
11.55	Swiss focus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Swiss patent court – how does it work? • The Swiss patent court and the UPC • Challenges and opportunities for companies doing business in Switzerland 	Simon Holzer , partner, meyerlustenberger lachenal Michael Ritscher , partner, meyerlustenberger lachenal
12.25	Lunch and networking	
13.15	The European Court of Justice and the Unified Patent Court <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When will/ won't the ECJ be able to review issues of law pertaining to patents? • How the Spanish challenge affected plans for the new system • The impact of uncertainty on the industry from an in-house perspective 	Laëtitia Bénard , partner, Allen & Overy Nicola Dagg , partner, Allen & Overy Malcolm Meeks , senior IP counsel, France Brevets Jürgen Dressel , head global patent litigation strategy, Novartis
14.10	Litigation planning and forum shopping in the European Unified Patent Court <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game over? Litigation planning and strategy under the new UPC • Risks and opportunities of forum shopping in Europe 	Penny Gilbert , partner, Powell Gilbert Thomas Bouvet , partner, Véron & Associés Martin Köhler , partner, ROKH IP
15.05	Coffee break and networking	
15.25	Analysing the judges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How qualified will the judges be, and what background do they have? • Can the training adequately prepare less specialised judges for the job? • How to prepare for potential performance gaps between different judges 	Mathilde Rauline , head of the European patent litigation, Sanofi Christophe Geiger , director general, CEIPI Stanislas Roux-Vaillard , partner, Hogan Lovells Camille Pecnard , senior associate, Hogan Lovells
16.20	Inter-industry debate - International litigation considerations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How different countries regard the UPC • The future of national legislation • The unanswered questions about the UPC 	Richard Vary , global head of litigation, Nokia Alex Wilson , partner, Powell Gilbert Sabine Age , partner, Véron & Associés Christian Osterrieth , partner, ROKH IP Thierry Sueur , vice president IP and vice president of European and international affairs, Air Liquide ; representative for UNIFAB
17.15	End of conference	