



IP – Licensing: Updates for 2025

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DESCRIPTION

Hear from colleagues near and far about licensing updates that affect IP practitioners' clients and practices. We'll begin with updates from China, India, England and Ireland. We'll then hear from the Western part of the United States and colleagues from Utah, Arizona and Washington. You'll appreciate these perspectives, tips and analyses.

AGENDA

1 China AI Patent Practices

The innovation of AI has accelerated its wide applications in all aspects of technological developments. The generated values need to be well protected due to the large investments. The protection of AI innovations by patents and their enforcement have become hot topic among IP professionals. In this presentation, we will provide latest developments in China AI patent practices with the focus on new guidelines for handling AI-related inventions. We will also introduce AI patent infringement and patent invalidation cases and discuss their implications on patent preparations.

Dr. Nongfan Zhu - King & Wood Mallesons, Beijing, China

2 AI and its Implications on Copyright Law: Latest from India

This session is an overview of the Indian copyright law that pertains to GenAI works and cover the latest and ongoing case before the Delhi High Court wherein a news agency sued OpenAI.

Latha R Nair - K&S Partners, Hyderabad, India

3 UK Courts Grappling with AI Terminology

We will discuss recent UK case law involving AI including Emotional Perception as well as Getty Images and Stability AI. The UK courts have been dealing with questions such as "are neural network weights a computer program?" And "do neural network weights infringe copyright in training images?" We will consider the implications for litigation risk.

Dr. Rachel Free - CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP, London, UK

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4 Enforcement at the UPC. What You Need to Know as a US Lawyer

This presentation explores the evolving landscape of patent enforcement in Europe through the lens of the Unified Patent Court (UPC), now operational across 18 EU member states. Tailored for U.S. legal professionals, it highlights the procedural, strategic, and substantive distinctions between UPC litigation and U.S. patent litigation. Attendees will gain practical insights into navigating UPC proceedings, understanding jurisdictional nuances, and aligning enforcement strategies across borders.

Naoise Gaffney – Bristows LLP, Dublin, Ireland

5 Arbitration Clauses in Patent Licensing Agreements and Patent Licensing Caselaw Update

This session provides a strategic overview of federal case law in the field of arbitration clauses in patent licensing agreements. Arbitration clauses are crucial components of patent licensing agreements and can provide a mechanism for efficiently resolving disputes that may arise between parties. Unlike traditional litigation, arbitration is typically faster and less costly, enabling parties to focus on their business goals instead of prolonged legal battles.

Tyson Winarski – Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

6 When Licensing Meets Privacy: Selling, Sharing, and Brokering Personal Information

In this session, we'll discuss privacy law requirements related to commercializing personal information, examine the expanding definition of a data broker, and share insights from the latest enforcement activities. Participants will learn how to identify requirements, spot issues, and apply common risk mitigations when licensing personal information.

Laura Lemire – Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, P.C., Seattle, WA

7 AI Governance

Understand governance policies in using AI.

Romaine Marshall – Polsinelli, Salt Lake City, UT

8 Terms of Engagement: Drafting Contracts for AI Systems and Agents

This session explores key legal and strategic considerations when businesses build and deploy AI technologies, including autonomous agents. Through the lens of risk and responsibility, we'll examine challenges faced by companies developing proprietary models, adapting open-source systems, and deploying agentic AI.

Kelly Lawton-Abbott – SSM Legal PC, Seattle, WA