

Basics of Patenting Processes and Approaches for Patent Searching

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Abstract

This workshop provides a quick review of patenting-related processes (US, EP, WO), the EP Register and ECLA, patent law basics, and tips for interpretation of claim language. The course also presents / compares some basic approaches for patentability, validity and freedom-to-operate research, including questions to ask during reference interviews (focusing on attorneys vs. scientists), a few specifics about searching on multiple systems, and some tips for reporting. To the extent possible, the course is taught from both a U.S. and European perspective.

Recommended background for attendees: At least 2 years of patent searching experience.

Maximum: 20 course participants

Biographies

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