

PIUG 2010 Annual Conference Workshop

Understanding Patent Litigation: Procedures and Information Sources

Time and location

Saturday, May 1: 1:00pm-4:30pm, Peale A-C

Abstract

This workshop will tackle the patent information specialists' approach to the question of 'how can I find out if patent X has been in litigation?' and more importantly, 'what happened?'. It will describe the various court institutions and procedures for hearing infringement and validity cases in a number of major jurisdictions around the world, including the most prominent courts in Europe, Japan and China. Much of the data relating to judgements from these courts are not available in English, nor are they consolidated into formal databases. We will review the primary information producers, the amount of information which they make available, and how it can be searched. Attendees do not need to have a detailed legal background, as we will consider the structure of the institutions and how a case progresses 'ab initio' (i.e. from the beginning). Latin dictionaries not required; bring your favourite attorney joke.

Presenter

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Stephen Adams completed a B.Sc. degree in Chemistry at the University of Bristol, UK, followed by an M.Sc. in Information Science from The City University, London, UK. For a number of years, he worked as a technical information searcher in the field of food science at the UK Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food. Following a period as editor of "International Packaging Abstracts" at Pira International, he moved to ICI Agrochemicals (later Zeneca Agrochemicals) to become their principal patent searcher in 1988. He founded Magister Limited in 1997.

Stephen served as the first non-US "Director at Large" for the Patent Information Users Group (PIUG Inc) between 2002 and 2006. He received a Special Recognition Award from the PIUG in May 2008,. The citation recorded that this was in Recognition of:

- Stephen's Tireless Service to PIUG,
- Ten Years of Excellent Patent Searching Workshops,
- Membership of the PIUG Board of Directors 2002 to 2006,
- Having been voted Favorite Speaker Countless Times

Stephen is a member of the Association of Independent Information Professionals ([AIIP](#)) and is on the editorial board of [World Patent Information](#), The International Journal for Industrial Property Documentation, Information, Classification and Statistics.