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REGIONAL SEMINAR

Seminar for Judges on Current Issues in Intellectual Property Rights

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8 and 9 September 2026, Hotel "Tigra", Priekulī, Cēsis municipality, Latvia

PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2026

07.30 *Departure from Riga*

09.30 – 10.00 *Registration. Morning Coffee*

10.00 – 10.20 **Opening and welcome speeches**

Mr. Agris Batalauskis, Director of the LPO, Riga, Latvia

Mr. Sven Stürmann, President of the EUIPO Boards of Appeal

Ms. Natalie Carlson, Legal Counsellor, WIPO Judicial Institute, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector, Geneva, Switzerland

PART I / SEMINAR

10.20 – 11.00 **Review of the Recent UK Case Law on Intellectual Property Rights**

Mr. Richard Hacon, Presiding Judge of the Intellectual Property Enterprise Court, High Court of England and Wales, London, the UK

- 11.00 – 11.40 **Artificial Intelligence and Copyright-Protected Works: Authorship, Ownership of Rights, and Liability**
Prof. Dr. Thomas Hoeren, Director, Institute for Information, Telecommunications and Media Law (ITM), University of Münster, Germany
- 11.40 – 12.10 **Works Excluded from Copyright Protection on Grounds of Overriding Public Interest**
Ms. Natalie Carlson, Legal Counsellor, WIPO Judicial Institute, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector, Geneva, Switzerland
- 12.10 – 13.10 *Photo and lunch*
- 13.10 – 13.40 **Interpretation of Patent Claims**
Mr. Richard Hacon, Presiding Judge of the Intellectual Property Enterprise Court, High Court of England and Wales, London, the UK

PART II / SEMINAR AND DISCUSSION

- 13.40 – 14.10 **Employee Duties and Trade Secret Protection: Confidentiality, Compliance, and Litigation Issues**
Prof. Dr. Thomas Hoeren, Director, Institute for Information, Telecommunications and Media Law (ITM) University of Münster, Germany
- 14.10 – 14.40 **The Boundaries of Trade Secret Protection: Whistleblowing and Data Subjects' Right to Information**
Mr. Rihards Gulbis, Scientific and Analytical Advisor to the Department of Civil Cases of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Latvia
- 14.40 – 15.10 *Coffee Break*
- 15.10 – 15.40 **Measures and Remedies for Protection of Trade Secrets**
Ms. Zane Pētersone, Senator of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Latvia
- 15.40– 16.10 **Discussion on the Legal Protection of Trade Secrets**
Moderator: Rihards Gulbis, Scientific and Analytical Advisor to the Department of Civil Cases of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Latvia
Participants: Thomas Hoeren, Rihards Gulbis, Zane Pētersone
- 16.10 – 16.30 **Closing of the day**
- 19.00 – 22.30 *Dinner*

WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2026

PART III / SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP

- 09.00 – 9.30 **Review of the recent EUIPO Boards of Appeal Case Law**
Mr. Sven Stürmann, President of the EUIPO Boards of Appeal, Alicante, Spain
- 09.30 – 10.10 **Partial use of the trade mark**
Ms. Virginia Melgar, Chairperson of the Fifth Board of Appeal, EUIPO, Alicante, Spain
- 10.10 – 10.40 **Reputed trade marks**
Mr. Sven Stürmann, President of the EUIPO Boards of Appeal, Alicante, Spain
- 10.40 – 11.10 *Coffee Break*
- 11.10 – 11.40 **The impact of animal depictions on the comparison of signs and likelihood of confusion**
Ms. Virginia Melgar, Chairperson of the Fifth Board of Appeal, EUIPO, Alicante, Spain
- 11.40 – 12.20 **Workshop on trade marks: group case studies**
Moderators: Zane Pētersone, Virginia Melgar, Inga Krigena-Jurkāne, Dace Liberte
- 12.20 – 12.50 **Workshop on trade marks: reporting on groups' findings, a discussion**
All seminar participants participate
- 12.50 – 14.00 *Lunch*

PART IV / SEMINAR AND DISCUSSION

- 14.00 – 14.10 **WIPO comparative report on IP Judicial Structures & Procedures**
Ms. Natalie Carlson, Legal Counsellor, WIPO Judicial Institute, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector, Geneva, Switzerland
- 14.10 – 14.30 **Review of the case law of the Latvian Industrial Property Board of Appeal**
Ms. Dace Liberte, Chairperson of the Latvian Industrial Property Board of Appeal

14.30 – 14.45 Recent Latvian case law on IPR

Ms. Inga Krigena-Jurkāne, Judge, Riga City Court, Latvia

14.45 – 15.00 Recent Polish case law on IPR

Mr. Jarosław Antoniuk, Judge, XXIV Intellectual Property Division, Circuit Court in Katowice, Poland

15.00 – 15.15 Recent Lithuanian case law on IPR

Ms. Asta Pikilienė, Judge, Civil Division, Court of Appeal of Lithuania, Lithuania

15.15 – 15.30 Recent Estonian case law on IPR

Ms. Marget Henriksen, Judge, Civil Division, Harju County Court, Estonia

15.30 – 15.45 Recent Ukrainian case law on IPR

Mr. Kostiantyn Pilkov, Judge, Grand Chamber of the Supreme Court, Ukraine

15.45 – 16.10 Discussion on IP Case Law – Regional Outlook

Moderator: Dace Liberte, Chairperson of the Latvian Industrial Property Board of Appeal

16.10 – 16.20 Closing of the seminar

16:20 – 16:30 Departure to Riga