



REGIONAL SEMINAR

Seminar for Judges on Current Issues in Intellectual Property Rights

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PROGRAM

All session times are indicated according to the local time zone (EEST).

Tuesday, 9 September 2025

08.10 – 08.20 Departure from Riga

09.30 – 10.00 Registration. Morning coffee

10.00 – 10.20 Opening and welcome speeches:

Mr Agris Batalauskis, Director, Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia (LPO), Riga, Latvia

Mr Sven Stürmann, President of the EUIPO Boards of Appeal

Mr Tobias Bednarz, Legal Counsellor, Copyright Law Division, Copyright and Creative Industries Sector, WIPO, Geneva

PART I / SEMINAR

10.20 – 11.00 Review of the recent CJEU/General Court case law on IPR

Ms Ilona Rūķe, Judge at the Riga City Court

11.00 – 11.30 Review of the recent Latvian case law on IPR

Ms Zane Pētersone, Judge at the Supreme Court of the Republic of Latvia

11.30 – 12.10 Upcycling and Intellectual Property Law

Mr Péter Mezei, Professor at the University of Szeged, Hungary

12.10 – 13.10 Photo and lunch

13.10 – 13.40 The meaning of ‘pastiche’ as an autonomous concept under EU copyright law

Mr Péter Mezei, Professor at the University of Szeged, Hungary

13.40 – 14.20 Protection of topographic maps

Mr Tobias Bednarz, Legal Counsellor, Copyright Law Division, Copyright and Creative Industries Sector, WIPO, Geneva

14.20 – 14.50 Coffee Break

PART II / SEMINAR

- 14.50– 15.30 **Review of the recent case law of the EPO Boards of Appeal**
Mr Karel Peirs, Boards of Appeal, EPO
- 15.30 – 16.00 **The scope of the right to the integrity of the work**
Mr Tobias Bednarz, Legal Counsellor, Copyright Law Division, Copyright and Creative Industries Sector, WIPO, Geneva
- 16.00 – 16.30 **Sufficiency, Technical Effects for Inventive Step and the Article 83/56 EPC Interplay**
Mr Karel Peirs, Boards of Appeal, EPO
- 16.30 – 16.45 **Closing of the day**
- 18.30 – 19.00 Guided tour in the Holy Trinity Church tower (*by choice*)
- 19.00 – 22.30 Dinner at the Holy Trinity Church tower restaurant

Wednesday, 10 September 2025

PART III / SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP

- 09.00 – 9.40 **Review of the recent case law of the EUIPO Boards of Appeal**
Mr Sven Stürmann, President of the EUIPO Boards of Appeal
- 09.40 – 10.10 **Deceptiveness and lack of distinctiveness of trade marks designating geographical origin**
Ms Kinga Guzdek, Member of the 2nd Board of Appeal, EUIPO
- 10.10 – 10.40 **Single letter trade marks**
Ms Kinga Guzdek, Member of the 2nd Board of Appeal, EUIPO
- 10.40 – 11.10 *Coffee Break*
- 11.10 – 11.50 **Weak trade marks**
Mr Sven Stürmann, President of the EUIPO Boards of Appeal
- 11.50 – 12.30 **WORKSHOP on trade marks: group case studies**
Moderated by Ms Zane Pētersone, Ms Inga Krigena-Jurkāne, Ms Dace Liberte (TBC)
- 12.30 – 13.00 **WORKSHOP on trade marks: reporting on groups' findings and a discussion**
All seminar participants participate
- 13.00 – 14.00 *Lunch*

PART IV / SEMINAR AND DISCUSSION

- 14.00 – 14.30 **Review of the case law of the Latvian Board of Appeal**
Ms Dace Liberte, Chairperson of the Latvian Industrial Property Board of Appeal
- 14.30 – 14.45 **Recent Ukrainian case law on IPR**
Mr Kostiantyn Pilkov, Judge at the Grand Chamber of the Supreme Court, Ukraine

14.45 – 15.00	Recent Lithuanian case law on IPR Ms Goda Ambrasaitė-Balynienė, Judge at the Supreme Court of the Republic of Lithuania
15.00 – 15.15	Recent Estonian case law on IPR Ms Kai Härmand, Judge at the Civil Department of the Harju District Court, Estonia
15.15 – 15.30	Recent Polish case law on IPR Mr Jarosław Antoniuk, Judge at the XXIV Intellectual Property Division of the Circuit Court in Katowice, Poland
15.30 – 16.00	Discussion on IP Case Law – Regional Outlook <i>Moderated by</i> Ms Dace Liberte, Chairperson of the Latvian Industrial Property Board of Appeal
16.00 – 16.15	Closing of the seminar
16:15 – 16.30	Departure to Riga