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SPEAKERS' PROFILE

09:30 - 10:30 | European IP Dispute Resolution Policy Challenges

ALEŠ ZALAR - DIRECTOR, PATENT MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION CENTRE OF THE UNIFIED PATENT COURT



Aleš Zalar studied law at the University of Ljubljana and served as a judge and president of the District Court of Ljubljana as well as president of the Slovenian Judges Association. He was also Minister of Justice and acting Minister of Home Affairs in Slovenia. He served as president of the European Centre for Dispute Resolution (ECDR) for 12 years and has acted as mediator, arbitrator, and as independent consultant in international rule of law reforms and dispute system design projects. He has also served as a policy adviser, trainer, and lecturer and been engaged in more than 30 countries worldwide. For more than last 15 years, he occasionally assisted Ukraine in development of ADR system, constitutional reform, and since the establishment of the High Anti-corruption Court of Ukraine, he also supported its operation as senior legal adviser. He served as the first chairman of the Advisory group of Experts in Ukraine, which selects candidates for judges of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine, and then continued to serve as a member until the end of July 2026. He is a member of various international institutions, inter alia, Mediation Centre Stakeholders Network of the EUIPO, International Institute for Justice Excellence, and of Council of the European Law Institute (ELI). For his contribution to development of mediation he received many special recognitions and awards, including from the Council of Europe (Crystal Scale of Justice) and from the US State Department (International Visitor Leadership Gold Star). Since September 2024, Aleš Zalar has held the position of the Director of the Patent Mediation and Arbitration Centre (PMAC) of the Unified Patent Court.

SVEN STÜRMANN - PRESIDENT OF THE BOARDS OF APPEAL, EUROPEAN UNION INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE; INTERNATIONALLY ACCREDITED MEDIATOR



Sven Stürmann is a graduate of Law and Mediation from the Universities of Göttingen, Berlin (Germany) and Alicante (Spain). In 2004, he completed a Master's Degree in Intellectual Property Law in Alicante and is an internationally accredited Mediator (CEDR). Sven started working at the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) in January 2004, having previously practiced as an Attorney-at-law (Rechtsanwalt) and Mediator in Berlin. Over the past fourteen years at EUIPO he has worked as a Lawyer Linguist, Opposition and Cancellation Examiner, Legal Assistant of the 1st Board of Appeal, Legal Advisor and as a Mediator. From 2014 to 2017, he was Team Leader of the Knowledge and Legal Support Team at the Boards of Appeal. Sven has also been the Leader of the Knowledge Circle Appeal Processes between 2015 - 2021. In August 2017, Sven became the Chairperson of the 2nd Board, and in December 2024, he became President of the EUIPO Boards of Appeal. He is one of the pioneering mediators at EUIPO, having contributed decisively to the establishment of the EUIPO Boards of Appeal Mediation Service in 2011 and the EUIPO Mediation Centre in 2023. Sven is a frequent speaker on Mediation and European Union trade mark issues, both at EUIPO and international conferences, and has published a broad range of articles relating to Mediation and European Union trade marks in German, English and Spanish.

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ANA MARGARIDA BANDEIRA - *PRESIDENT OF THE DIRECTIVE COUNCIL OF INPI, PORTUGUESE INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY*



Ana Margarida Bandeira has been President of the Directive Council of the National Institute of Industrial Property since February 2019. She holds a degree in Chemical Engineering and has a High-Level Course on Public Administration Management and an Advanced Course in Public Management. Representing Portugal, she is the head of the Portuguese Delegation in the Administrative Council meetings of the European Patent Organization and in the Management Board of the European Union Intellectual Property Office, as well as in the General Assemblies of the World Intellectual Property Organization. Having more than 35 years of professional experience in the field of IP, started her activity at INPI in 1989 as a patent examiner and held, at the same institution, several management and leadership positions, such as Director of Trademarks and Patents, Head of the Department of Patents and Utility Models and Head of the Department of Industrial Designs and Models.

KARIN ŽVOKELJ - *DIRECTOR, SLOVENIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE; CHAIR, MANAGEMENT BOARD, EUROPEAN UNION INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE*



Karin Žvokelj is the Director of the Slovenian Intellectual Property Office (SIPO), a position she has held since 2022 following her term as Acting Director. She is also Chair of the Management Board of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) and Deputy Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee at the European Patent Office (EPO). Before joining SIPO, she was Deputy Director of SPIRIT Slovenia, the national agency for entrepreneurship, internationalisation, foreign investment and technology, where she focused on developing the national innovation ecosystem. She previously held senior positions at the Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, working in the Minister's Cabinet and later as Head of the Development Funds Service, responsible for strategic planning and coordination of development programmes. Earlier in her career, she founded and ran her own consultancy company, specialising in project and programme management and evaluation. She holds a Master's degree in International Economics from the University of Ljubljana and completed part of her postgraduate studies at the University of Trento.

NAZARETH ROMERO - *PROFESSOR; FCIARB. CHAIR CIARB IBERIAN CHAPTER EU BRANCH; PARTNER OVOLI FRUGONI ROMERO ARBITRATION LITIGATION; PMAC NEUTRAL*



Nazareth Romero is a lawyer and member of the Madrid Bar Association (ICAM) since 1990 and of the CCBE, as well as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Ciarb) and an international mediator. She is a partner at ORA Ovoli Romero Abogados S.L. – Ovoli Frugoni A.P., leading the Arbitration Department and providing strategic consultancy on complex national and international disputes across sectors such as trade, IP, investment, energy, construction, sport, and finance, with a focus on ESG criteria. She is an Ambassador for Spain at PMAC, where she serves as a Neutral (Arbitrator, Mediator, Expert). Additionally, she is the Chair and co-founder of Ciarb's Iberian Chapter of the European Branch (covering Andorra, Spain, and Portugal), a member of the Committee of Ciarb's European Branch, and a member of the EUIPO MCSN Mediation Centre Stakeholder Network.

YVONNE PODBIELSKI - *LEGALLY QUALIFIED MEMBER OF THE BOARDS OF APPEAL, EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE*



Yvonne Podbielski is a legally qualified member of the Boards of Appeal of the European Patent Office. She studied in Heidelberg, Cambridge and London and obtained her doctorate from the University of Cambridge. She qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales in 2000 and subsequently practised commercial litigation at a London law firm. In 2004, Yvonne joined the Legal Research Service of the European Patent Office Boards of Appeal, serving as head of the department from 2008 until 2016. She was appointed as a legally qualified member of the Boards of Appeal in January 2017. She currently serves on three technical boards of appeal, as well as the Legal Board of Appeal, the Disciplinary Board of Appeal and the Enlarged Board of Appeal.

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11:00 - 12:30 | Judges' Panel – Territorial Rights, Global Standards: Judicial Perspectives on SEP/FRAND Disputes

SIR ROBIN JACOB - *SIR HUGH LADDIE PROFESSOR OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON; FORMER LORD JUSTICE OF APPEAL; PMAC NEUTRAL*



Sir Robin Jacob is the Sir Hugh Laddie Professor of Intellectual Property Law at University College London and Director of its Institute of Brand and Innovation Law. He has more than 50 years of experience in intellectual property law as a barrister, judge, academic and dispute-resolution practitioner. Sir Robin began practising at the Intellectual Property Bar in 1967 and became King's Counsel in 1981. He was appointed a High Court Judge in 1993, serving as a designated Patents Court Judge, and became a Lord Justice of Appeal in 2003. He retired from the Court of Appeal in 2011 to take up the Sir Hugh Laddie Chair at University College London. He has contributed extensively to the development of intellectual property law through his judgments, publications and international lectures. He currently acts as an arbitrator, mediator and expert witness on British and European patent law and serves as a neutral at the Patent Mediation and Arbitration Centre.

THE RT HON. LORD JUSTICE RICHARD ARNOLD - *COURT OF APPEAL OF ENGLAND AND WALES*



Lord Justice Arnold was educated at Highgate School. He read Chemistry before training as a barrister, specialising in intellectual property law and allied fields, particularly entertainment and media law and ICT law. Called to the Bar in 1985, he was appointed to the High Court, Chancery Division in October 2008 and was appointed to be Judge in Charge of the Patents Court in April 2013. In March 2016 he was appointed as an External Member of the Enlarged Board of Appeal of the European Patent Office. As a judge he has continued to specialise in intellectual property and in 2017 was made an honorary Doctor of Law by the University of Westminster. He has contributed to a number of publications, including as the author of Performers' Rights (5th ed, Sweet & Maxwell, 2015), the editor of the Halsbury's Laws of England title Trade Marks and Trade Names (5th ed, Butterworths, 2014) and acted as editor of Entertainment and Media Law Reports from 1993 to 2004 inclusive.

LARS MEINHARDT - *PRESIDING JUDGE, HIGHER REGIONAL COURT OF MUNICH*



Lars Meinhardt has served as Presiding Judge of the 6th Civil Senate at the Higher Regional Court of Munich since January 2022, specialising in intellectual property law, particularly patent litigation—including FRAND disputes—and trademark law. Previously, he was a judge in the Court's 29th Civil Senate and Cartel Senate. From 2012 to 2018, he served as Presiding Judge at the Regional Court of Munich I, chairing a chamber specialising in trademark, unfair competition and copyright law. Earlier in his career, he worked as a public prosecutor in Munich and as a national expert with the European Commission's Directorate-General for the Internal Market. Lars regularly speaks and publishes on patent, trademark and unfair competition law and is a co-author of Büscher's commentary on unfair competition law.

EMMANUEL GOUGÉ - *JUDGE, COURT OF APPEAL, UNIFIED PATENT COURT*



Emmanuel Gougé was appointed to the Court of Appeal in 2024, where he sits in Panel 1 of the Court as a legally qualified judge. Before joining the Unified Patent Court, Emmanuel was a patent litigator in private practice. He led the Paris-based intellectual property team of an international law firm, where he had been one of the founding partners of its Paris office. His career began in 1994, and he gained experience working across several European jurisdictions. With a professional background in France, England, Germany and Belgium, and being qualified both in England & Wales (solicitor) and in France (avocat), Emmanuel has been involved in a range of multi-jurisdictional patent litigations in various sectors. Since 2020, Emmanuel has been the Director of the Diploma on Patent Litigation in Europe at CEIPI (Center for international intellectual property studies, University of Strasbourg), a leading European postgraduate program for senior patent professionals. Over the past two decades, he has also been actively involved in the management of several international professional associations and has been an author of a number of publications in patent and intellectual property law. Emmanuel graduated from the College of Law (London) in 1997, completing his legal studies in Paris and Munich (Université Paris II, Postgraduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Law, major in Patent Law, 1992 / French-German Master of German Law and Business Law, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität and Université Paris II, 1991), and obtained a diploma in Economics and Finance in 1993 (Institut d'Etudes Politiques, major in Economics and Finance, Paris).

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13:30 - 14:30 | PMAC FRAND Guidelines

SIMON DACK - PMAC EXPERT COMMITTEE MEMBER; PMAC NEUTRAL



Simon Dack started his career in patents in 1987, when, as a recent chemistry graduate, he joined the European Patent Office in Munich as a patent examiner in the fields of petrochemistry and chemical engineering. Some years later, having passed the examinations to become a European patent attorney, and having moved to The Netherlands, he decided to change course and switch to law. He was called to the English bar in 1999 and went on to complete his pupillage at 8 New Square. From 2001, he worked, first under his home title and subsequently as a Dutch advocaat, as a patent litigator in the fields of pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and medical devices at a leading Dutch law firm. In 2005 he became a partner of the firm. At the end of 2010 he and a number of colleagues and former colleagues set up what became a leading European boutique patent litigation firm, Hoyng ROKH Monegier. There, he continued to act for many of the leading global players in the fields of pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and medical devices, with occasional excursions into other technical fields. Extra-curricular activities included serving for a ten-year period as one of the “Eight Wise Men”, an advisory body for the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs made up of members of the Dutch bar and bench, together with Dutch business leaders. He spent a similar period as a member of the IP advisory committee of the Dutch Orde van Advocaten. He spent four years working part-time as a lecturer in intellectual property law at the University of Leiden, and is a guest lecturer at the University of Utrecht and, from 2027, the Catholic University of Portugal in Lisbon. He has published widely and continues to contribute to the standard Dutch practitioners’ commentary on patent law. In 2023, having spent 36 years of his career in patents, 23 years of which involved patent litigation, he decided to take a career break. He now divides his time between trial advisory work for law firms, including arranging mock trials for UPC litigants, and working as one of the appointed experts on the working committees tasked with drafting the new regulatory framework for the Patent Arbitration and Mediation Centre (PMAC) of the Unified Patent Court (UPC).

MATTHIAS ZIGANN - PRESIDING JUDGE, LOCAL DIVISION MUNICH, UNIFIED PATENT COURT



Matthias Zigann has been the Presiding Judge of the Local Division Munich since June 2023. From November 2022 to May 2024, he held the position of Presiding Judge of the 38th Civil (IP) Senate of the Higher Regional Court Munich. From December 2012 to October 2022, he presided over the 7th (Patent) Division of the Regional Court Munich I. Prior to his appointment as presiding judge, Matthias was seconded to serve as a research associate with the Xth Civil (Patent) Senate of the Federal Court of Justice in Karlsruhe for three years. From 2003 to 2009, he served as a regular member of the 7th Division of the Regional Court Munich I. From 1999 to 2003, he served as a public prosecutor in Landshut. Matthias is an alumnus of the Munich Max-Planck-Institute for Innovation and Competition, a member of the GRUR Special Committee on Biotechnology Law, the chair of the advisory board of the Munich IP Dispute Resolution Forum, a co-editor and co-author of various commentaries and handbooks on UPC law, patent law and procedural law in IP cases, and a frequent speaker at national and international conferences.

ALEKSANDRA KUŹNICKA-CHOLEWA - COUNSEL AT CMS POLAND; ASSISTANT PROFESSOR INSTITUTE OF LAW STUDIES, POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES; PMAC NEUTRAL



Aleksandra Kuźnicka-Cholewa, PhD, is an IP Counsel at CMS Poland and Assistant Professor in the Institute of Law Studies at the Polish Academy of Sciences. As internationally recognised expert in standard essential patents (SEPs), she advises both industry players and policymakers on SEP-related issues. She was a member of the European Commission’s expert group on licensing and valuation of SEPs and SEP advisor to the Polish Patent Office within a framework of Polish Presidency in the EU Council. In her practice she is supporting clients from various sectors on IP licensing and enforcement, particularly regarding patents. She has authored numerous publications in the field of IP and is organizer of international top-notch Warsaw SEP conferences. She is a member of the Arbitral Tribunal included on the list of Neutrals of the Patent Mediation and Arbitration Centre of the Unified Patent Court (PMAC) assisting parties in resolving patent disputes. She is also a member of the PMAC FRAND Working Group developing guidelines for proceedings involving FRAND disputes. Singled out as one of the world’s leading patent professionals and recommended in the IAM Patent 1000 ranking, Aleksandra is individually recognised by key legal directories such as Chambers Global, Chambers Europe and Legal 500 in the field of intellectual property.

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RICHARD BUTTRICK - *INDEPENDENT IP CONSULTANT AND EXPERT WITNESS ON SEP/FRAND MATTERS; PMAC NEUTRAL*



Richard Buttrick is an independent intellectual property consultant and expert witness with more than 40 years of experience creating, managing and commercializing intellectual property across a wide range of industries and technologies. During his career, Richard held senior intellectual property roles at Philips, British Telecom and British Technology Group. He has advised multinational companies, international organizations and growing technology businesses on intellectual property strategy, licensing and value creation. Richard is a qualified UK and European patent attorney and a leading expert on standard-essential patents and fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory licensing terms. He has acted as an expert witness in disputes and litigation worldwide, particularly concerning the origins and development of the European Telecommunications Standards Institute's intellectual property rights policy.

THIERRY CALAME - *MANAGING PARTNER, LENZ & STAEHELIN; PMAC NEUTRAL*



Thierry Calame is a partner at the Swiss law firm Lenz & Staehelin in Zurich. He is a leading expert in intellectual property law, with a particular focus on patent law and IP-related dispute resolution. He has extensive experience as counsel in patent litigation, other IP disputes and IP-related arbitration, and regularly serves as arbitrator in IP-related matters. He is also included on the list of arbitrators of the Patent Mediation and Arbitration Centre (PMAC). Thierry holds degrees in chemistry and law. He is a past President of EPLAW, former Reporter General of AIPPI, and a permanent lecturer at the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property.

TOM OLIVER - *PARTNER, POWELL GILBERT*



Tom Oliver specialises in complex intellectual property litigation, licence disputes and strategic counselling. He has an international practice, with extensive experience in devising multi-jurisdictional patent litigation strategies and co-ordinating legal teams across Europe, Asia and North America. With an academic background in chemistry and biochemistry Tom is well suited to handle complex life science disputes and has advised clients in a variety of disputes concerning biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and medical devices. However, Tom also acts for clients spanning a wide range of industry sectors and technologies, including the determination of FRAND rates for standards essential patents. Tom also has extensive experience in resolving contractual intellectual property licence disputes, including through arbitration. In addition to considerable experience before the English courts, Tom is representing clients in several of the first cases brought in the UPC. Tom advises on the full range of intellectual properties rights, including trade mark oppositions and infringement proceedings, confidential information, copyright and passing off. Tom spent several months seconded to a leading German firm specialising in patent litigation. Tom joined Powell Gilbert in 2010 and became a partner in 2020.

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VÍTOR PALMELA FIDALGO - PARTNER AT INVENTA; LECTURER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LISBON SCHOOL OF LAW; PMAC EXPERT COMMITTEE MEMBER AND PMAC NEUTRAL



Vítor Palmela Fidalgo is a Partner at Inventa and a lawyer admitted to the Portuguese Bar. He is also a Lecturer at the University of Lisbon School of Law, where he teaches and conducts research in intellectual property, technology law and private law. He was a visiting researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition in Munich and is currently a researcher at the University of Lisbon's Research Centre for Private Law (CIDP). He serves as an Expert at the Patent Mediation and Arbitration Centre and acts as an arbitrator in intellectual property and civil disputes, in both institutional and ad hoc proceedings. He is the author of several academic works published internationally.

YANFANG WANG - PROFESSOR AND DOCTORAL SUPERVISOR, EAST CHINA UNIVERSITY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND LAW; PMAC NEUTRAL



Yanfang Wang is Professor of Intellectual Property Law and Doctoral Supervisor at East China University of Political Science and Law and a former Presiding Judge of the Intellectual Property Tribunal of the Supreme People's Court of China. She is a PMAC Neutral, an arbitrator with SCIA, HKIAC and WIPO, and a mediator with WIPO and the CCPIT Mediation Center. Her expertise includes standard-essential patents (SEPs), FRAND licensing, trademark law, competition law and copyright law. She has adjudicated more than 1,000 IP cases, contributed to the drafting of judicial interpretations and served as an expert witness in major IP disputes in the United Kingdom, the United States and Hong Kong.

DÁRIO MOURA VICENTE - FULL PROFESSOR, FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF LISBON; ATTORNEY-AT-LAW AND ARBITRATOR; PMAC NEUTRAL



Dário Moura Vicente has been a lawyer in Lisbon since 1987. He obtained his doctorate in Law from the University of Lisbon, where he is a Full Professor at the Faculty of Law. In 2023, he was elected President of the Institute of Private Law at the same Faculty. He has served as Chair of the Portuguese Society for Intellectual Property Law since 2013 and, since 2025, has also been a member of the Lisbon Academy of Sciences. He has been a visiting professor at several institutions, namely the Hague Academy of International Law, the University of Paris V, the Complutense University of Madrid, the University of Urbino, and the University of São Paulo. Since 2013, he has been an adjunct professor at the University of Macau. He has participated as an arbitrator, lawyer, and expert in more than eighty national and international arbitration cases. He is a member of the lists of arbitrators and conciliators of ICSID, for which he was appointed by the Portuguese Government. He also took part in drafting the Portuguese Voluntary Arbitration Law.

JACQUES RAYNARD - PROFESSOR AGRÉGÉ OF THE FACULTIES OF LAW; PROFESSOR OF PRIVATE LAW, UNIVERSITY OF MONTPELLIER; PROFESSOR, CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY STUDIES (CEIPI), UNIVERSITY OF STRASBOURG; PMAC NEUTRAL



Jacques Raynard is Professor Agrégé of the Faculties of Law and Professor of Private Law at the University of Montpellier, as well as Professor at the Centre for International Intellectual Property Studies (CEIPI), University of Strasbourg. A specialist in intellectual property and business law, his expertise encompasses patent law, technology-transfer agreements and arbitration. He has served as Director of the Centre du Droit de l'Entreprise at Montpellier and President of the FNDE. Professor Raynard holds a doctorate about "copyright and conflict of laws" and was admitted to the agrégation in private law and criminal sciences in 1991. He received an honorary doctorate from Heidelberg University in 2005.

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ANTJE BAUMANN - *INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATOR; FOUNDING PARTNER, BAUMANN RESOLVING DISPUTES*



Antje Baumann is an international arbitrator and Founding Partner of BAUMANN Resolving Disputes, with more than 23 years of experience in complex commercial disputes. She has extensive experience in institutional and ad hoc arbitration, including proceedings under the ICC, DIS, Swiss Rules, SIAC, HKIAC and UNCITRAL Rules, with particular expertise in post-M&A, joint-venture, energy, IP/IT and licensing disputes. Previously, she spent a decade with the International Arbitration Practice Group at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. She is an honorary professor at the University of Osnabrueck, a member of the ICC Court of Arbitration and Chair of the Hamburg Arbitration Circle. Admitted to practise in Germany and New York, she holds a PhD from the University of Osnabrueck and an LL.M. from UC Berkeley School of Law.

16:00 - 17:00 | Arbitration of Patent Licensing, Technology Transfer and Life Sciences Disputes

CÂNDIDA RIBEIRO CAFFÉ - *PARTNER, DANNEMANN SIEMSEN; PAST PRESIDENT, LES BRASIL; PROFESSOR OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, PUC-RIO*



Cândida Ribeiro Caffé has 27 years of experience in IP transactions, including patent licensing and technology transfer, trademarks, industrial designs and other IP rights. She served as President of the Brazilian Chapter of the Licensing Executives Society (LES Brazil) in 2016–2017, as well as General Counsel for the Rio de Janeiro chapter of the Brazilian Franchise Association from 2008 to 2011. She has been Coordinator of the Technology Transfer Committee of the Brazilian Intellectual Property Association since 2012. Cândida is ranked by Chambers & Partners, Legal 500, Who's Who Legal, Análise Advocacia and others. She has been an invited professor in the postgraduate Intellectual Property programme at PUC-Rio since 2003 and is the author of several articles published in specialist magazines and journals. She is fluent in Portuguese, English and Spanish.

PENNY GILBERT - *FOUNDING PARTNER, POWELL GILBERT; PMAC NEUTRAL*



With a degree in biochemistry and a doctorate in molecular biology, Penny's strong scientific background has led to her specialisation in advising clients in the life sciences sector. She represents clients before all levels of the UK patent courts including the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court. She successfully represented clients in appeals to the Supreme Court on issues of industrial application and sufficiency of claim scope. She has also represented clients in referrals to the CJEU and the EFTA Court on the interpretation of the SPC Regulation. She has a wealth of experience in advising on European litigation strategy and co-ordinating multi-jurisdictional patent litigation, including representing clients before the Unified Patents Court (UPC). She has represented clients in European Patent Office opposition and appeal proceedings and in appeals from the UK IPO. Penny also represents clients in patent licence disputes before the UK courts and in arbitration. She is a qualified mediator and a solicitor advocate. Penny also counsels on pharmaceutical lifecycle management, and is experienced in providing freedom to operate and due diligence advice. She is a frequent lecturer on aspects of IP law affecting the life sciences sector and has been a tutor on the Oxford University Diploma in Intellectual Property Law and Practice course, teaching patent litigation. As a former President of EPLAW, and a current member of its advisory board, she has been involved with its aims of harmonising European Patent law, including involvement in the training of judges for the UPC. Penny has been a partner at Powell Gilbert since it was founded in 2007.

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JOANA PIRIQUITO SANTOS - *FOUNDING PARTNER AND MANAGING PARTNER, NLP LAW; PMAC NEUTRAL*



Joana Piriquito Santos is a lawyer, pharmacist and Portuguese Patent and Trademark Attorney and has worked in intellectual property since 2010. She holds a law degree from the University of Lisbon and an integrated master's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences from the University of Coimbra. After conducting research in Pharmaceutical Technology in London, Joana worked as an Innovation Manager, Intellectual Property Consultant and Patent Examiner at the Portuguese Industrial Property Office. She subsequently served as a Managing Associate at Vieira de Almeida & Associados, where she worked from 2016 to 2024. In 2024, she became a founding partner of NLP. Joana also serves as a member of arbitral tribunals and as an expert and has been included in the list of neutrals of the Patent Mediation and Arbitration Centre (PMAC) of the Unified Patent Court, with effect from 1 June 2026.

She is President of the Patents Commission of UNION-IP and a member of the Standing Advisory Committee before the European Patent Office (SACEPO-WP Guidelines). In 2025, she was elected to the Advisory Board of APDI – the Portuguese Association of Intellectual Property Law – for the 2025–2027 term.

STEVEN BALDWIN - *PARTNER, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LITIGATION, KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP*



Steven Baldwin is a partner in Kirkland's IP Litigation Team in London with significant experience representing clients in patent, life sciences regulatory, trade mark, copyright and trade secrets matters. His practice focuses primarily on complex cross-border telecommunications (SEP/FRAND) and life sciences patent disputes, as well as high-profile trade mark and trade secrets cases. Steven has been involved in SEP/FRAND litigation in over 30 countries worldwide. Steven also regularly acts for the world's largest pharmaceutical and biosimilar companies. Steven also advises on the life sciences regulatory aspects of life sciences deals and has developed a particular interest in, and deep knowledge of, the law governing supplementary protection certificates (SPCs) – he is recognised as a thought leader and regular writer, speaker and commentator on the topic. Accordingly, Steven's case experience covers a broad range of technical fields including 3GPP, 3GPP2, IEEE, ITU-T, DMR, TETRA and other wireless (standardised and non-standardised) mobile telecommunications technologies, organic chemistry, antibody biologics, biological product development and screening platforms, formulation science, next generation cancer treatments, and e-cigarette/vaping technologies. Steven also has significant non-contentious IP experience including IP portfolio purchases, global strategic IP portfolio strategies, and business-critical licensing deals, as well as advising on image rights, sponsorship and global celebrity advertising campaigns for clients.

SHAOHUI YUAN - *VICE PRESIDENT, CCPIT PATENT & TRADEMARK LAW OFFICE; PRESIDENT, LICENSING EXECUTIVES SOCIETY CHINA; VICE PRESIDENT, CHINA TRADEMARK ASSOCIATION; EXPERT, NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY EXPERTS POOL; ARBITRATOR, CIETAC; MEDIATOR, CCPIT MEDIATION CENTER; PMAC NEUTRAL*



Shaohui Yuan has worked as a patent attorney since 2001 and has 25 years of experience in the intellectual property profession. His practice focuses on drafting patent applications, patent prosecution, patent re-examination, patent invalidation, patent validity and infringement litigation, legal opinions on patent infringement, administrative protection of patent rights, patent licensing and assignment, portfolio management, freedom-to-operate (FTO) opinions, patent strategy design, and patent registration in the Hong Kong and Macau SARs. His practice also encompasses IP litigation and dispute resolution, including negotiation, mediation and arbitration, as well as strategic intellectual property consulting.