EUIPO's Boards of Appeal – appeal proceedings and recent case law on trade marks and designs

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Time: May 18, 2017 14:00 - 17:30
Location: Nordic Hotel Forum, Arcturus Conference Hall (Viru väljak 3, Tallinn)

The Patent Office and the Ministry of Justice, in co-operation with the Board of Appeal of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO's Boards of Appeal), are organizing a seminar on “EUIPO's Boards of Appeal – appeal proceedings and recent case law on trade marks and designs”.

The seminar will provide an overview of the services of the EUIPO Board of Appeal, the handling of disputes and the latest major decisions in trademark and design disputes.

Patent attorneys, members of the Industrial Property Appeals Board, judges and other specialists in the field of intellectual property are welcome to attend the seminar. The seminar will be held in English.

Seminar schedule

14.00–14.10 Opening statements by Mr Margus Viher, Director General of the Estonian Patent Office and Mr Théophile M. Margellos, President of the Boards of Appeal, EUIPO

14.10–14.25 EUIPO and the Protection of IPR in Europe
Speaker: Mr Martti Enäjärvi, Special Advisor to the Executive Director of EUIPO

14.25–14.50 Organization and procedural aspects of the EUIPO's Boards of Appeal
Speaker: Mr Gordon Humphreys, Chairperson of the 5th Board of Appeal

14.50–15.00 Demonstration of the new online appeal filing tool: eAppeal
Speaker: Mr Sven Stürmann, Leader of Knowledge and Legal Support Team at the Boards of Appeal

15.00–15.30 Changes to the appeal proceedings following Legal Reform phase I and II
Speaker: Mr Sven Stürmann, Leader of Knowledge and Legal Support Team at the Boards of Appeal

15.30–16.00 Appeals to the EUIPO: Refusal on absolute grounds (procedure, substantiation, usual grounds of reversal of EUIPO refusal decisions) – especially “descriptiveness”
Speaker: Mr Sven Stürmann, Leader of Knowledge and Legal Support Team at the Boards of Appeal

16.00–16.30 Appeals to the opposition decisions on relative grounds (likelihood of confusion, earlier national rights (Art 8 (4) – company name) – procedural aspects, timelines, translations, formalities, evaluation of distinctiveness of earlier mark and its impact on the likelihood of confusion
Speaker: Mr Gordon Humphreys, Chairperson of the 5th Board of Appeal

16.30–16.45 Coffee break

16.45–17.05 Objections to the registration of 3D trade marks
Speaker: Mr Gordon Humphreys, Chairperson of the 5th Board of Appeal

17.05–17.30 Relationship between trade marks and designs
Speaker: Mr Théophile M. Margellos, President of the Boards of Appeal

17.30 END

Additional information by e-mail seminarid@epa.ee or by phone 627 7918.