



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



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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
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