

IP LICENSING FOR LIFE SCIENCES AND PHARMA

Draft Agenda

DAY 1

1.00-1.15pm	Introduction
1.15-2.45pm	IP Rights in Life Sciences and Pharma
2.45-3.15pm	How to Read a Patent and Interpret Claims
3.15-3.50pm	Patent Database Searching
3.50-4.00pm	Questions and Discussion

DAY 2

10.00-10.45am	Infringement and Enforcement of IP Rights
10.45-12.15pm	Licensing Patent Rights and Know How
12.15- 12.30pm	Other Agreements with Licensing Provisions
12.30-12.50pm	Group Exercises
12.50-1.00pm	Questions and Review of Course
1.00pm	Course Ends

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While the course focuses on licensing with regards to patents in the life sciences and pharmaceutical sectors, the principles it teaches are broadly applicable to other IP rights and technology areas. The course is aimed at helping licensing professionals determine if a licence is required under third party patents, what diligence is required before and throughout the licensing negotiations and the importance of key terms in the agreement.

The introductory "**IP Rights in Life Sciences and Pharma**" session gives a brief overview of important IP rights (i.e. designs, trade marks and trade secrets) in the Life Sciences and Pharma fields while focusing on patents and the patenting process.

"**How to Read a Patent and Interpret Claims**" explains why it is important to monitor and review the patent literature, how to read patent documents for key information and how to interpret claims. Examples of different claim types and scope are given.

Methods for conducting novelty, FTO and validity searches are described in "**Patent Database Searching**" using freely available data bases. Other sources and methods for identifying prior art, potential licencees, determining examination and patent status are also covered.

"**Infringement and Enforcement of IP Rights**" focuses on UK patent law and court proceedings in terms of what constitutes infringement, how the courts interpret claims, and common defences that may be brought to bear.

"**Licensing Patent Rights and Know How**" sets out the legal framework for licensing patents and know how, explains the different types of licences available, the diligence to be undertaken before entering into third party discussions, and some of the key considerations during the negotiations. The importance of specific clauses in the licence agreement are discussed.

'**Other Agreements with Licensing Provisions**' discusses other types of agreements which may have associated licensing provisions (e.g. MTAs, CRAs, Development Agreements, Sourcing Agreements).

The course concludes with "**Group Exercises**" to encourage participation, discussion and consolidate learning.

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