

IP LICENSING FOR LIFE SCIENCES AND PHARMA

Agenda

1.00-1.15pm	Introduction
1.15-1.45pm	IP Rights in Life Sciences and Pharma
1.45-2.10pm	How to Read a Patent and Interpret Claims
2.10-2.20pm	Break
2.20-2.45pm	Infringement and Enforcement of IP Rights
2.45-3.30pm	Licensing Patent Rights I
3.30-3.40pm	Break
3.40-4.10pm	Licensing Patent Rights II
4.10-4.25pm	Other Agreements with Licensing Provisions
4.25-4.30pm	Questions and Review of Day
4.30pm	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 and technology transfer 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 licensing 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.

"**Infringement and Enforcement of IP Rights**" focuses on UK court proceedings, primarily patent cases, in terms of what constitutes infringement, how the courts interpret claims, and common defences against infringement.

"**Licensing Patent Rights**" sets out the legal framework for licensing patents, 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 particular clauses in the licence agreement are also discussed. Topics include IP ownership, arising IP, competition law, grant clauses, sub-licensing, FRAND, payment terms, warranties, indemnities, disputes, termination.

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

Courses are informal, with small groups to encourage discussion.

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