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On November 13, 2025, the Seminar themed "Patent Litigation in Smart Manufacturing Industry", which is jointly hosted by Beijing Justra Intellectual Property Center (Justra) and in-house membership service vendor LCOUNCIL, organized by Suzhou New District Intellectual Property Service Ltd., sponsored by Wanhuida Intellectual Property, is held in Suzhou.



The event is moderated by Chen Xiaolei, Partner, Wanhuida Intellectual Property.



Chen Xiaolei

Dr. Hong Yan, Secretary General, Tsinghua University Center for Intellectual Property and Justra Counsel, speaks on "Fundamental Rules & Practice of Patent Infringement Litigation". Dr. Hong first prepares the floor on the latest statistics on patent litigation and invalidity procedure. She then parses the criteria in ascertaining patent infringement, the evidentiary rules and allocation of burden of proof, as well as the tort liability and the calculation method of damages. Dr. Hong concludes her presentation with case law focusing on frequently cited grounds for defense, urging litigants to tread carefully in forum shopping, pre-trial behavior preservation and judicial appraisal and stay vigilant about the pitfalls of inadequate evidence, patent invalidity and breach of procedure.

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Dr. Hong Yan

Sun Weifeng, Senior Associate, Wanhuida Intellectual Property, speaks on “Patent Invalidation Practice - Strategy and Case Law Analysis”. Weifeng dissects the patent invalidity procedure and the current practice. He advises invalidity petitioners to employ multidimensional approach and conduct thorough search to collect preponderant evidence to boost the chance of success. Patentees are advised to formulate proactive defence regime and respond reasonably to patent invalidity challenge by assessing patent value from the technical and legal angle.



Sun Weifeng

Xie Minnan, the firm's Partner shares insights on “Mitigating Patent Litigation Risks in the Smart Manufacturing Industry from a Global Perspective: Oversea Risk Early Warning & Multi-jurisdictional Coping Strategy”. She underlines the significance of corporate overseas risk early warning regime in ensuring secured use and maintaining market competitive edge. Minnan uses latest case laws to reiterate the urgency of infringement analysis during the window period, the value of pre-trial negotiation and arbitration and the pitfalls of failing to put in place contingency plans. She explains in detail the underlying logic of patent design around scheme and the core procedure of freedom-to-operate (FTO) and offers viable takeaways to mitigate patent infringement risks by comparing the varying infringement assessment rules in multiple jurisdictions.



Xie Minnan

Li Juanjuan, the firm's Patent Counsel delves into "Review of Exemplary Patent Litigation Case Laws in Smart Manufacturing & FTO Risk Mitigation Practice". She underlines the indispensability of FTO in mitigating infringement risk and the associated claims of whopping damages, prior to the launching of new products. Juanjuan strongly recommends a litany of approaches like design around, launching invalidity action against high-stake patents and negotiating with the prior patentee and rival corporations to secure licensing to defuse the potential risks. She urges businesses to build a robust mechanism to ensure proactive screening, close monitoring and timely responding.



Li Juanjuan

The seminar is well attended.



Attendees