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## *Program 2025 – 2027*



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<i>Date</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Title</i>
Sep 17, 2025	EPC	<b>What is an invention? Exclusions from patentability.</b>
Sep 24, 2025	EPC	<b>Novelty</b>
Oct 1, 2025	EPC	<b>Inventive step</b>
Oct 8, 2025	EPC	<b>Priority &amp; prior art</b>
Oct 15, 2025	EPC	<b>Examination proceedings at the EPO</b>
Oct 22, 2025	EPC	<b>Opposition proceedings at the EPO</b>
Oct 29, 2025	EPC	<b>Appeal proceedings at the EPO</b>
<i>Autumn holidays</i>		

Nov 12, 2025	EPC	<b>Validation, Opt-Out, Unitary Patent</b>
Nov 19, 2025	EPC	<b>Time limits, further processing, re-establishment of rights, fees – case studies helpful for the EQE</b>
Dec 10, 2025	EPC	<b>The EPO's Enlarged Board of Appeal - Referrals and Petitions for Review</b>
Dec 17, 2025	EPC	<b>Claim drafting workshop</b>
<i>Christmas holidays</i>		
Jan 7, 2026	PCT	<b>PCT</b>
Jan 14, 2026	PCT	<b>Euro-PCT</b>
Jan 21, 2026	PCT	<b>Cases studies on PCT</b>
Jan 28, 2026	Special Topics	<b>Special Event: Computer-implemented inventions – news from German, European, and US case law</b>
Feb 4, 2026	German patent law	<b>German employee invention law</b>
Feb 11, 2026	Special Topics	<b>Special Event: Patent Prosecution in US</b>
<i>Winter holidays</i>		
Mar 4, 2026	Trademark law	<b>Introduction: Brands, trademarks, trade names, and geographical indications</b>
Mar 11, 2026	Trademark law	<b>Trademark proceedings: application, registration, opposition, invalidity, appeals</b>
Mar 18, 2026	Trademark law	<b>Absolute Grounds for refusal (descriptiveness, lack of distinctiveness and more)</b>
Mar 25, 2026	Trademark law	<b>Relative grounds of refusal: earlier rights, double identity and likelihood of confusion, reputation</b>
<i>Easter holidays</i>		

Apr 22, 2026	Trademark law	<b>Trademark infringement (Part I - Plaintiff's perspective): exclusive rights, scope of claims</b>
Apr 29, 2026	Trademark law	<b>Trademark infringement (Part II - Defendant's perspective): limitations: fair use, exhaustion of rights, absence of genuine use</b>
May 6, 2026	Design protection	<b>INTA Platzhalter</b>
May 13, 2026	Design protection	<b>Basics of German, EU and international design protection</b>
May 20, 2026	Design protection	<b>Substantive law/Requirements for protection/ Validity (Novelty, Individual Character, Disclosure)</b>
<i>Whitsun holidays</i>		
Jun 12, 2026	Design protection	<b>Infringement (Subject matter, Scope of protection, infringing acts, limitations)</b>
Jun 17, 2026	Design protection	<b>Proceedings before the german PTO and the EUIPO; International Design Protection</b>
Jun 24, 2026	Design protection	<b>Special Event: US design patent law</b>
Jul 1, 2026	Design protection	<b>Design protection via Hague filings – what you need to know</b>
Jul 8, 2026	Copyrights	<b>Copyrights: introduction, legal requirements, protectability, infringement</b>
Jul 15, 2026	Copyrights	<b>Copyright protection for works of applied art</b>
Jul 22, 2026	Design protection	<b>Design protection via Hague filings – what you need to know</b>
<i>Summer holidays</i>		
Sep 16, 2026	German patent litigation	<b>GPL I: Overview of patent litigation in Germany, (international) competence, bifurcation (stay of proceedings), composition of Courts, principles</b>

Sep 23, 2026	German patent litigation	<b>GPL II: Substantive law (1): Claims based on patent infringement, e.g. damages, injunctive relief; information etc; defenses, e.g. exhaustion, private prior use right</b>
Sep 30, 2026	German patent litigation	<b>GPL III: Substantive law (2): Claim construction (principles, sources); doctrine of equivalence</b>
Oct 7, 2026	German patent litigation	<b>GPL IV: Substantive law (3): Direct and indirect infringement</b>
Oct 14, 2026	German patent litigation	<b>GPL V: Entitlement action and joint ownership</b>
Oct 21, 2026	German patent litigation	<b>GPL VI: Procedural law (1): Course of proceedings, preparation, evidence, enforcement</b>
Oct 28, 2026	Special Topics	<b>TBD</b>
<i>Autumn holidays</i>		
Nov 4, 2026	German patent litigation	<b>GPL VII: Procedural law (2): Provisional/ preliminary proceedings; out of Court: warning letter or letter of inquiry</b>
Nov 11, 2026	German patent litigation	<b>Special Event: Dos and Don'ts when drafting briefs (in German)</b>
Nov 18, 2026	German patent litigation	<b>GPL IX: Nullity proceedings - first instance proceedings before the Federal Patent Court</b>
Nov 25, 2026	German patent litigation	<b>Special Event: Nullity appeal proceedings before the Federal Court of Justice (in German)</b>
Dec 2, 2026	German patent litigation	<b>GPL X: Enforcing a German Utility model</b>
Dec 9, 2026	UPC	<b>UPC I: Structure of the Court, competence, transitional period, EP vs Unitary Patent</b>
Dec 16, 2026	UPC	<b>UPC II: Substantive law (1): Applicable law; Claims based on patent infringement, e.g. damages, injunctive relief; information etc; defenses, e.g. exhaustion, private prior use right</b>
<i>Christmas holidays</i>		

Jan 13, 2027	UPC	<b>UPC III: Substantive law (2): Claim construction (principles, sources); doctrine of equivalence; direct and indirect infringement</b>
Jan 20, 2027	UPC	<b>UPC IV: Procedural law (1): Infringement Action and PI proceedings; preparation;</b>
Jan 27, 2027	UPC	<b>UPC V: Procedural law (2): Evidence; means for obtaining evidence and rules for introducing evidence to the proceedings</b>
Feb 3, 2027	UPC	<b>UPC VI: Procedural law (3): Revocation Action and Counter-claim for revocation; overview of UPC law on invalidity</b>
<i>Winter holidays</i>		
Feb 17, 2027	Unfair competition law	<b>Unfair Competition: Introduction, Breach of law, Unacceptable nuisance, comparative advertising; entitlement; standing</b>
Feb 24, 2027	Unfair competition law	<b>Unfair Competition: Misleading advertisement, Green Claims and CSR</b>
Mar 3, 2027	Unfair competition law	<b>Unfair Competition: Protection against imitation</b>
Mar 10, 2027	Special Topics	<b>Special Event: Customs seizure</b>
Mar 17, 2027	Enforcement of trademarks and designs	<b>Litigation strategies for trademarks and designs: potential claims, warning letters</b>
<i>Easter holidays</i>		
Apr 7, 2027	Enforcement of trademarks and designs	<b>Litigation strategies for trademarks and designs: preliminary injunctions</b>
Apr 14, 2027	Enforcement of trademarks and designs	<b>Cross Border Infringement proceedings: EU trademarks and designs – international jurisdiction, supra-national sanctions, related actions and „torpedos“</b>
Apr 21, 2027	Special Topics	<b>Special Event: patent portfolio strategy at adidas</b>

Apr 28, 2027	Licensing, Antitrust law	<b>License, Sale and Transfer of technical and non-technical IP rights; delimitation agreements</b>
May 5, 2027	Licensing, Antitrust law	<b>Introduction to Antitrust Law, IP contract related issues</b>
May 12, 2027	Licensing, Antitrust law	<b>Antitrust defense in infringement proceedings („FRAND“)</b>
<i>Whitsun holidays</i>		
Jun 2, 2027	Domain Names	<b>Domain Names and Online Brand Protection</b>
Jun 9, 2027	Trade secrets	<b>Trade Secrets in Germany: Substantive law and protection in infringement proceedings</b>
Jun 16, 2027	Special Topics	<b>Dos and Don'ts in oral hearings (in German)</b>
Jun 23, 2027	Special Topics	<b>Moot Court</b>