



# The U.S. Patent Law Reforms and the Impact on European Practitioners



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## Program 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

- **Transition from “first-to-invent” to “first-to-file”**
  - New definition of prior art
    - Effective filing date
    - Elimination of the Hilmer doctrine
    - Earlier-filed- but-later-published applications
    - New personal grace period
  - Derivation proceedings to replace interferences
  - How first to file works based on examples
- **Patent filing and prosecution strategies**
  - Prioritized examination
  - Pre-issuance submissions of prior art
- **Litigation-related provisions of the new law**
  - prior user rights defense
  - marking provisions
  - joinder of defendants
  - no best mode as defense
- **New procedures for challenging a granted patent**
  - Inter partes review (IPR)
  - Post grant review (PGR)
  - Program for covered business method patents (CBM)
- **Supplemental examination for patent holders**
  - Eliminate potential inequitable conduct issues
  - Strategies and considerations
- **Patent dispute strategies and considerations**
  - Use of post grant proceedings to maximize strategic advantage
    - Enforcing a patent
    - Defending against a patent

### ABOUT THIS COURSE

In September 2011 the America Invents Act (AIA) has been passed. This act will create far-reaching changes in the U.S. patent law which will take effect in 2012 and/or 2013. By this act, U.S. patent law has been harmonized in some of its basic principles with that of other countries, for instance, the European Union countries. Our course will give you an overview about the major changes and the impact of the changes on your practical work.

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