

HALF-DAY CONFERENCE

REGULATING PATENT “HOLD-UP”? AN ASSESSMENT IN LIGHT OF RECENT ACADEMIC, POLICY AND LEGAL EVOLUTIONS

Brussels, 29th February 2016

Abstract: The patent hold-up theory has nurtured many policy developments in the past ten years. On the one hand, Standard Setting Organizations (SSOs) have been exploring changes to their licensing policies, in particular in relation to the commercial implications of FRAND pledges given by holder of Standard Essential Patents (“SEPs”). On the other hand, antitrust agencies and patent courts across the globe have been confronted with several waves of cases. Those proceedings have generated a thick, diverse and somewhat inconsistent body of case-law on a wide array of topics, including the availability of injunctive relief, patent valuation, portfolio licensing, practicing and non-practicing entities, etc. This conference seeks to provide a 360° state of play on patent hold-up in contemporary antitrust and patent policy.

- 12.45** **REGISTRATION**
- 13.10** **INTRODUCTION OF THE CONFERENCE**
- Melchior WATHELET**, Advocate General, Court of Justice of the EU
- 13.20 – 13.40** **KEYNOTE SPEECH**
- Ian FORRESTER**, Judge, General Court of the EU
- 13.40 – 15.00** **SESSION I: ACADEMIC PANEL**
PATENT HOLD-UP: THEORY AND EVIDENCE
- Chairman:** **Axel GAUTIER**, Professor, LCII, University of Liege
- Stephen HABER**, Professor, Hoover Institution, Stanford University
Pierre LAROCHE, Professor, TILEC, University of Tilburg
Greg LANGUS, Senior Vice President, Compass Lexecon
Jorge CONTRERAS, Professor, University of Utah
- 15.00 – 16.20** **SESSION II: IP IN STANDARD SETTING**
THE VIEWS FROM POLICY MAKERS AND STAKEHOLDERS
- Chairman:** **Gunnar WOLF**, DG COMP, European Commission
- Serge RAES**, ETSI IPR Special Committee Vice-Chair, ITU IPR Ad Hoc Group Chair, Rapporteur on Patent Issues, Orange
Alvaros RAMOS, Antitrust Legal Counsel, Qualcomm
Yann MENIERE, Chief Economist, European Patent Office
Scott KIEFF, Commissioner, US International Trade Commission
Hughes de la MOTTE, Policy Officer, DG GROW
- 16.20 – 16.40** **COFFEE BREAK**
- 16.40 – 18.00** **SESSION III: LEGAL PANEL**
TRENDS IN ANTITRUST AND IP LAW
- Chairman:** **Peter TOCHTERMANN**, Judge, Mannheim District Court
- Renata HESSE**, DAAG, US Department of Justice
Jorge PADILLA, Senior Managing Director, Compass Lexecon
Miguel RATO, Partner, Shearman & Sterling LLP
Josef DREXL, Professor, Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition
Nicolas PETIT, Professor, LCII, University of Liege
- CLOSING SPEECH – CONCLUDING REMARKS**
- 18.00 – 18.20** **Paul BELLEFLAMME**, Professor, University of Louvain

FURTHER INQUIRIES

Date and venue

Monday 29th February 2016, from 12:45 a.m. to 6:20 p.m.

Federation of Enterprises in Belgium (FEB), 4 rue Ravenstein, 1000 Brussels

Access map: www.feb.be

Car Park: Parking Albertine, rue des sols, 4, 1000 Brussels (near Central Station)

Participation Fee

Standard fee: 250 €, excluding VAT (21 %);

Reduced fee (for academics and public officials): 50 €, excluding VAT (21 %).

This should be paid upon receipt of the invoice. Your payment should mention the following details: 'Patent hold up: a reassessment in light of recent academic, policy and legal evolutions' + affiliation + name(s) of the participant(s)'

Agreement

This conference is recognized by the Belgian Association of French- and German-speaking Bars (*OBFG – Ordre des Barreaux francophones et germanophones de Belgique*) for 4 professional training points.

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A Socializing Cocktail will end the Conference (18.20).

Registration

Please register by completing the [online form](#) by February 25, 2016 at the latest:

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