

Acting as an Expert Witness in a Patent Dispute

Expert evidence plays an important – and sometimes pivotal – role in patent dispute resolution. However, the roles and responsibilities of the expert in preparing a report or giving witness testimony is often misunderstood or shrouded in mystery.

This full day seminar seeks to introduce participants to the world of expert evidence with a focus on patent disputes, whether in court or before a tribunal (e.g. in arbitration proceedings).

The course will cover:

- What expert evidence is about, and the general duties and obligations of an expert witness
- Basics of patent law and practice
- Step-by-step overview of the entire process from engagement to the end of the trial/hearing, with practical guidance on administrative aspects (e.g. contractual agreement and remuneration)

Upon completion of the course, subject-matter experts who qualify (e.g. Principal Investigator/Lead Scientist/Research Group Lead or equivalent, and above) will be included in a list of technical experts, which parties to a patent or other technical dispute can consider appointing as an expert witness.

Look out for the next course session!

Note: Inclusion in the list of experts is not a requirement for being able to act as an expert witness in a dispute. Those who have previously acted as expert witnesses or assessors can also ask to be included in the list without attending the course.

Who should attend?

All who practice, or intend to practice, as experts in patent or intellectual property disputes.