

PRESS RELEASE

Haseltine Lake showcases its expertise in annual Oppositions Masterclass

Major European patent and trade mark attorney firm, Haseltine Lake, hosted its fourth annual Oppositions masterclass at the Royal Society of Chemistry in central London yesterday (1 November).

The event, which saw over 45 delegates attend, was a practical half day seminar designed to help corporate patent counsel improve their performance and success rate in European Patent Office (EPO) Opposition proceedings. The keynote speaker was Colin Drew, a member of the internal EPO function which trains Opposition Division Chairmen and Members. Colin discussed the Chairman's responsibilities and their training, common problems at oral proceedings and "early certainty" in Opposition.

David Brown, a Partner at Haseltine Lake and Oppositions expert, says, "We were delighted to welcome so many in-house IP practitioners from leading European companies, representing a wide range of industry sectors, at this year's masterclass. The geographic and commercial mix led to some lively audience discussion, particularly with reference to the examples put forward by our line-up of speakers. We hope that the attendees have benefited from our collective experience, led by our keynote, Colin Drew, who was able to impart much valuable knowledge on how in-house IP teams can maximise their chances at Opposition proceedings."

Haseltine Lake's team of Oppositions experts including David Brown, David Lewin, David Hammond and Isobel Finnie, as well as Richard Kempner and Brian Whitehead from Kempner & Partners, shared their ideas and experience to help improve success rates in EPO Oppositions proceedings. Their presentations focused on developing robust strategies at both the written and hearing phases, enabling in-house patent counsel to achieve the



desired outcomes, and tips for successfully negotiating the challenges, risks and constraints involved in handling EPO Opposition proceedings as well as the opportunities and pitfalls in the interplay of Oppositions with national litigation.



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Haseltine Lake enjoys long-standing, closely integrated relationships with its clients, based on trust, transparency and flexibility, and maintains those standards with its in-house training academy, which accepts 6 to 8 new STEM graduates each year.

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