

Advanced PCT Seminar and Symposium on International Authorities Topics

Introduction and Overview of the PCT System

- Brief Review of the PCT system including regional and national Offices, PCT timeline and major phases
- Requirements for being accorded an international filing date

Choosing a Receiving Office for US Applicants (USPTO and WIPO)

- Requirements for filing in RO/US and RO/IB
- Pros and Cons of using RO/US and RO/IB
- Options for filing in both RO's

International Authorities for US Applicants

- Review of ISAs and IPEAs available
- Things to consider when choosing an ISA
- **Presentations by EPO, KIPO (invited) and USPTO (invited)**
- **Panel discussion with International Authorities**

Claiming Priority under the Paris Convention and Furnishing Priority Documents

- Discussion of Articles 2, 3 and 4 of the Paris Convention
- Furnishing priority documents during the international phase
- Using WIPO's Digital Access Service

Procedural safeguards

- Transmittal to RO/IB under PCT Rule 19.4
- Incorporation by reference
- Restoration of the right of priority
- Adding and correcting priority claims
- Fee safeguards
- Recording changes in applicant, inventor and agents
- Rectification of obvious mistakes

Recent and Upcoming Rule Changes

ePCT and Internet Resources

- Intro to ePCT

- PCT resources available on the WIPO Internet site and new search tools

Strategies for Entering the National/Regional Phase

- Decisions that applicant must make
- Special requirements that may be made by Offices with emphasis on EPO, KIPO, USPTO
- Reinstatements of rights when national phase time limits are missed

National Phase/By-Pass Route

- Overview of national phase entry
- Review of US national stage entry and by-pass route as an alternative
- Applicable dates for national stage applications and by-pass continuations
- Inventorship in national stage applications and making corrections
- Changes to the inventor's oath or declaration
- Patent term adjustment
- Making domestic benefit claims and claiming foreign
- Restoration of the right of priority in national stage applications

PCT and the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH)

- Using the PCT to get onto the PPH
- Requirements for PCT-PPH in the USPTO

Where to get help

- Contact information for WIPO
- Contact information for specific application at WIPO
- Where to get help at the USPTO