

## **Essential PCT Detailed Topics**

### **Introduction to the PCT System**

- PCT Terminology
- PCT Texts and information sources
- Member States (countries)
- Statistics

### **PCT Basics**

- PCT timeline
- The international application
- Minimum requirements for filing
- The applicant
- Where to file

### **Filing of the PCT International Application**

- Required elements
- Detailed information on filling-out the paper version of the request (application) form

### **PCT Fees**

- What fees are payable
- When to pay

### **Introduction to PCT SAFE (Electronic filing)**

- Different options
- Fee reductions
- Benefits

### **Priority Claims**

- What is priority
- How to claim priority
- Furnishing the priority document including Digital Access Service (DAS)

### **An Overview of how to Correct Defects**

- Which corrections will not effect the filing date
- Which corrections may effect the filing date
- How to make corrections, including Rule 92bis changes
- Information on WIPO's ePCT services

### **Introduction to ePCT (including live demo)**

- How to set up an account
- Requesting a digital certificate
- Using text message or Google Authenticator
- Actions with and without strong authentication

### **Search and Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority**

- What is a search report
- What is a written opinion of the international searching authority

**International Publication**

- When does publication take place
- What is published

**Amendments under the PCT**

- Amendments to the claims under Article 19
- Amendments to the description, claims and drawings under Article 34

**Overview of Chapter II – filing the demand for preliminary examination**

- Basics of preliminary Examination
- Where, when and how to file a Demand for preliminary examination

**Entry into the national phase**

- Time limits
- What is required

**Where to get help**

- USPTO
- WIPO (Geneva)

**Choosing a Receiving Office for US applicants**

- RO/US
- RO/IB

**Choice of International Authorities for US applicants**

- Pros and cons of each of the ISAs available to US applicants filing in RO/US and RO/IB

**When it is useful to amend the IA**

- Article 19 and/or
- Article 34/File a Demand for Preliminary Examination

**US National Phase Entry vs. By-Pass Route**

- Pros and Cons of each approach

**Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) and the PCT**

- How it works to accelerate both PCT and national applications
- Practical examples