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NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAW OF PATENT CLAIM CONSTRUCTION

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The Patent Office, Harmsworth House, 13-15 Bouverie Street, London EC4Y 8DR

It is more than 20 years since the law of "purposive construction" of patent claims was first formulated by the House of Lords in Catnic v. Hill & Smith. In the recent case of Amgen v. TKT, the House of Lords has conducted a review which is likely to shape the law of infringement in the UK for the next 20 years.

In the United States, some judges in the Court of Appeals favour broad claim interpretations grounded in common dictionary definitions, while others favour constructions more definitively tied to the disclosure of the patent. This disagreement has resulted in a decision by the court to hear a case en banc for the express purpose of resolving the dispute.

These developments are of considerable importance to the industry and to the patent professions. This seminar brings together top patent practitioners and judges from the US, the UK, and Holland to consider and debate these issues.

SEMINAR PROGRAMME

- 4.30pm Registration and coffee
4.55pm Welcome/Introduction - ROBERT BARRY and MILES GAYTHWAITE
5.00pm VIEWS FROM LEADING COUNSEL
5.25pm The Use of Dictionaries in Claim Construction - WILLIAM LEE, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, Boston Office
5.50pm VIEWS FROM THE BENCH
6.15pm LORD JUSTICE JACOB, Court of Appeal
6.40pm JUDGE GAJARSA, Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
7.05pm PROF. JAN BRINKHOF, formerly Judge Brinkhof, Dutch Court of Appeal
7.30pm Open Forum and Panel Discussion
Cocktails

REGISTRATION

The fee for attendance at the Seminar will be: IPI/CIPA Members £15.00 Non-Members £50.00

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