



The Oblon and Maiwald firms are pleased to invite you to a *complimentary*:

# Joint International Symposium on U.S. and European Patent Practice

to be presented in two convenient locations / dates:

1. **Tokyo: Monday, June 3, 2019 at the Fukuracia Marunouchi Oazo**
2. **Osaka: Monday, June 10, 2019 at the Osaka Science & Technology Center**

At the 2019 joint international symposium, we will together examine selected current aspects of IP practice related to prosecuting applications, transferring rights, and enforcing patents in the U.S. and in Europe. While similarities exist, applicants for U.S. and European patents need to be aware of the peculiarities and most recent developments in each system in order to achieve the best results. In particular, the symposium will address the following important topics for today's practitioners:

1. Practical guidance for prosecuting patent applications related to Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Europe and in the U.S., noting recent European Patent Office (EPO) guidelines;
2. Infringement under the doctrine of equivalents, long thought to be mainly an issue for the U.S., although recent decisions have increased its relevance in Europe; and
3. Assignment of rights in the U.S. and in Europe, especially in the context of inventions developed by two different entities, as well as procedural peculiarities in each system.

This complimentary symposium will include serial translation from English to Japanese.

Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be provided at a casual reception following the symposium.

Links to register can also be found at:

<https://www.maiwald.eu/en/news/events/external-events/article/oblon-and-maiwald-joint-symposium/>

<https://www.oblon.com/oblon-maiwald-japan-2019>

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We look forward to welcoming you and your colleagues.

Sincerely,

Oblon, McClelland, Maier & Neustadt, L.L.P. & Maiwald Patent- und Rechtsanwalts-GmbH

## Event locations / dates:

### Tokyo:

Monday, June 3, 2019

13:00 – 19:00

Fukuracia Marunouchi Oazo

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### Osaka:

Monday, June 10, 2019

13:00 – 19:00

Osaka Science & Technology Center

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## Program – June 3 and 10, 2019

Welcome address (13:00~13:15)

Session 1: Practical guidance for prosecuting patent applications related to Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Europe and in the U.S., noting recent European Patent Office (EPO) guidelines (13:15~14:20)

- AI has become one of the most popular topics of discussion among IP practitioners throughout the world. No longer limited to complex software- and computer-related patent applications, AI is spreading into a wide range of technologies, meaning that every practitioner will benefit from a basic awareness of AI IP. We will briefly review what AI is and how the U.S. and EPO are approaching this rapidly expanding area.

Break (14:20~14:35)

Session 2: Infringement under the doctrine of equivalents, long thought to be mainly an issue for the U.S., although recent decisions have increased its relevance in Europe (14:35~15:35)

- How do you know whether a patent claim is infringed? Do you really need to consider infringement by equivalents? Even practitioners rarely involved in litigation often give advice about infringement in counseling and freedom-to-operate reviews for new products. While long thought to be an issue primarily in the U.S., recent developments in Europe have made the issue of infringement by equivalents more relevant there too. We will provide an update on infringement by equivalents in the U.S. and Europe and compare the two approaches.

Break (15:35~15:50)

Session 3: Assignment of rights in the U.S. and in Europe, especially in the context of inventions developed by two different entities, as well as procedural peculiarities in each system (15:50~16:50)

- Assignment of patent rights happens so often that many IP practitioners give it little thought. However, jointly developed inventions resulting from collaboration among different companies are increasingly common, as is the need to consider assignments in multiple jurisdictions/countries. These situations can give rise to an increased risk of mistakes, and in the worst case can result in the loss of rights. We will briefly review assignment fundamentals in the context of jointly developed inventions and compare issues that can arise in the U.S. and Europe.

Q & A (16:50~17:00)

Reception & Refreshments (17:10~19:00)