While the EPO and USPTO have similar requirements for patent applications, the same application can have dramatically different results in Europe and the U.S. An application originating in the U.S. frequently encounters substantial difficulties before the EPO. For example, the U.S. applicant often finds itself unable to amend claims in a manner clearly available during U.S. prosecution because of European “Priority Rules.” Recurrently, claims issued by the EPO to a U.S. applicant are unnecessarily narrow by European standards.

This course will show you how to draft and prosecute one, optimized patent application that will comply with the differing requirements of both the EPO and the USPTO.

There will be practical worked examples, illustrations, demonstrations of “best practice” and plenty of discussion, ensuring that you will go home with a realistic and workable solution to a perennial problem.

The need for optimizing a patent application, so as to meet the requirements of both the USPTO and European Patent Office, has never been greater. And USPTO and EPO Examiners continue to act on divergent expectations regarding the applications they review.

This course will give attendees a comprehensive overview of the principles underlying the preparation and prosecution of patent applications in both the U.S. and Europe.

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