The Oblon and Maiwald firms are pleased to invite you to a complimentary joint international symposium on:

**US and European Patent Practice – Important Aspects for Practitioners**

**Thursday, 16 November 2023 / 10:00 AM, at the Hotel Le Méridien Munich**

Please join us to learn about recent developments and current aspects of IP practice in the U.S. and Europe. As you are aware, both US and European patent systems have their pros and cons, which do not always neatly align. US and European applicants alike need to be aware of the differences and peculiarities between the US and European patent systems in order to achieve the best results from both.

At this joint symposium, we will together examine selected current aspects of IP practice related to prosecuting applications 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. **Ex parte** appeals before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
2. First 160 days of the Unitary Patent System, a new era in Europe
3. Evolving enablement standards in the U.S.
4. Updates on extrinsic evidence and plausibility after G 2/21, and priority after G 1/22 in Europe
5. Catching the innovation - challenges of patenting AI in life science
6. Patenting AI in the U.S. – challenges and opportunities
7. Updates on U.S. obviousness issues in view of the 2023 Federal Circuit decisions in Netflix v. DivX (nonanalogous art) and Axonics v. Medtronic (motivation to combine)
8. Practical guide for computer-implemented inventions at the EPO

Presenters will include: David Longo (Oblon), Tobias Philipp (Maiwald), Andrew Ollis (Oblon), Derk Vos (Maiwald), Daniel Pereira (Oblon), Annelie Wünsche (Maiwald), James Love (Oblon) and Martina Boidol (Maiwald).

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

A link to register can be found via Oblon [here](#), or via Maiwald [here](#).

Alternatively, you may register by e-mail to patentconference@oblon.com or events@maiwald.eu. If registering by email, please include the attendee’s name(s), company, and contact information. The final registration deadline is **November 9, 2023**.

Attendance is limited and registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

We look forward to welcoming you and your colleagues once again to our in-person event.

Sincerely,

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Agenda (Thursday, 16 November 2023)

09.30  Signing-in and coffee (Foyer)
10.00  Welcome address and introduction  
       Norbert Hansen / Andrew Ollis
10.15  Ex-parte Appeals before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
       Andrew Ollis
10.50  First 160 days of the Unitary Patent System, a new era in Europe  
       Tobias Philipp
11.20  Coffee break (Foyer)
11.40  Evolving enablement standards in the U.S.  
       Daniel Pereira
12.15  Updates on extrinsic evidence and plausibility after G 2/21, and priority after G 1/22 in Europe  
       Derk Vos
12.45  Discussion
13.00  Lunch (Restaurant IRMI)
14.15  Catching the Innovation - challenges of patenting AI in Life Science  
       Annelie Wünsche
14.50  Patenting AI in the U.S. – Challenges and Opportunities  
       James Love
15.20  Coffee break (Foyer)
15.40  Updates on U.S. obviousness issues in view of the 2023 Federal Circuit decisions in Netflix v. DivX (nonanalogous art) and Axonics v. Medtronic (motivation to combine)  
       David Longo
16.15  Practical guide for computer-implemented inventions at the EPO  
       Martina Boidol
16.45  Discussion and Closing Remarks  
       Andrew Ollis / Norbert Hansen
17.00  Conclusion of the Symposium with a casual reception (Foyer)