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## FPF101 Course Syllabus

### Foreign Patent Forms, Filing & Prosecution Fundamentals

#### Course Overview

FPF101 is a self-paced plan of study detailing the filing and nonlawyer prosecution of foreign patents. Upon successful completion, students will have been taught the requirements, processes and procedures for filing and prosecuting patents in foreign countries. Differences between filing foreign patent applications directly into a foreign country versus filing into a foreign country via the PCT will be covered; as will detailed walkthroughs of online filing procedures in various countries - including whether or not a document needs to be legalized via Apostile or via a Consulate. Also included are the maintenance obligations for issued foreign patents, including use and registration requirements.

#### FPF101MSP- \$372.00

- Trademark Forms & Filing Fundamentals Course
- Approximate Total Duration: 12 hours

#### FPF101MSX- \$472.00

- Trademark Forms & Filing Fundamentals Course + Final Exam
- Approximate Total Duration: 14 hours

#### **Lesson 1: Foreign Filing - Overview**

- Course Overview
- Student Responsibilities
- Definitions
- Utility Model
- Novelty & Grace Period
- How to File Foreign
- Foreign Filing License Requirements
- PCT vs. Direct National Filings
- General Foreign Prosecution Flow-Chart
- Homework (optional)

#### **Lesson 2: Formality Requirements**

- Formality Requirements
  - Definitions
  - Language of Filing
    - Translations
  - Formalities:
    - Power of Attorney
    - Claiming Priority
    - Priority Document
    - Assignment
    - Other types of Formalities
  - Legalization
- Homework (optional)

#### **Lesson 3: Prosecution Flow**

- Filing
- Formality Examination
- Publication
- Subject Matter
- Substantial Examination
  - Time Limit & Average Pendency
- Accelerated Examination
  - PPH & PCT/PPH Agreements
- Appeal
- Opposition & Issuance
- Homework (optional)

#### **Lesson 4: EPO Applications (Part 1)**

- EPO Defined
- Filing Requirements
  - Fees
  - Format
- Prosecution
  - Rule 161/162 Communication
  - Publication
  - Search Report
  - Examination
  - Divisional Applications
  - Allowance
- Opposition
- Annuities
- Homework (optional)

#### **Lesson 5: ITU Prosecution**

- Validation
  - Traditional Validation
- Unitary Patent
- Annuities
- EPO Database Searches
- Homework (optional)

#### **Lesson 6: National Requirements**

- PCT National Phase Considerations
- National Requirements (selected countries)
- Use Requirements
- Marking Requirements
- Assignment Requirements
- Summary
- Homework (optional)

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