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SIGNIFICANT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN LEGISLATION AND JURISPRUDENCE

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Objective

Experts from OHIM, legal practitioners and academic specialists will analyse significant developments in EU law on trademarks and designs since the last ERA conference at OHIM in March 2010.

Key topics

- Uniform protection of Community trademarks: territorial scope of protection, distinctiveness though use, genuine use
- Non-traditional trademarks: numerals, logotypes, shapes, etc.
- EU case law on relative and absolute grounds for refusal
- Key decisions on trademarks and designs from the OHIM Boards of Appeal and the ECJ
- The advertising function of trademarks
- Trademark use on the internet: liability issues
- The future of trademark law in the EU: issues raised by the European Commission study on the overall functioning of the trademark system in Europe

Conference organiser: ERA (Florence Hartmann-Vareilles) with the support of the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs)

Areas of Law: Intellectual Property Law, Competition Law, Consumer Law

Language: English, German, Spanish

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