



LES Committee Form

Update for the 2020 IMDM – May 17, 2020

Committee Name

Dispute Resolution

Chairs and Vice Chairs

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Provide valuable and practical dispute resolution content on patents, designs, trademarks, trade secrets to members – in the form of articles (LES Website, Les Nouvelles) and workshops / speakers (LES meetings)

As relevant, consider addressing the following:

- Goals?
- Key topics discussed?
- Meetings / Calls?
- Events?
- Resources created?
- Work products?
- Suggestions for future focus / work to be done by the committee?

As the Chair of the DRC, I would like to share a few things on our work over the past year or two:

1. We accomplished a study on International Patent Enforcement covering many jurisdictions, which was published in *les Nouvelles* December 2018.
2. We accomplished a study on International Design Law covering many jurisdictions, which was published in *les Nouvelles* March 2020.
3. A committee member, Sergey Vasiliev, published an article on Patent Litigation in Russia in *les Nouvelles* in 2019.
4. A committee member, Elena Martini, served as a speaker in the framework of the Padua Winter Planning Meeting on “Top 10 Litigation cases in Europe on Licensing contracts.”
5. The committee organized two workshops relating to items 1 and 2 above for the LESI Annual Meeting to be held in Berlin this spring. However, since the LESI Annual Meeting was cancelled, we will present those workshops at the next possible LESI Annual Meeting.
6. We just finalized an article on “The German Act on the Ratification of the UPCA null and void – Just an operational accident or an incurable disease?”, which is about to be published as an “article of the month” on the LESI website with an update to be published in *les Nouvelles* later in 2020. The article was written by the Committee Chair Prof. Dr. Tilman Müller-Stoy.
7. We are currently preparing a study on International Trademark Enforcement & Protection covering many jurisdictions, which will be published in *les Nouvelles* in 2021.
8. We are currently preparing an article on arbitrating IP rich contracts for publication in *les Nouvelles*. The article will be written by our new committee member Mark Brown.
9. We are currently preparing an article on a comparative analysis of the impact of force majeure on license agreements and of related contractual remedies in different jurisdictions for publication on the LESI Website. The article will be written by our new committee member Leonardo Seri.

Communication mostly by emails (many), because of Committee members of very different time zones; casual and formal (workshop) meetings at LESI meetings