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REPORT OF ONE-DAY WORKSHOP ON PATENT FILING IN INDIA

29th August 2024

Event Overview

On 29th August 2024, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, through its Centre for Intellectual Property Rights and Advocacy (CIPRA), successfully organized a one-day workshop titled "Patent Filing in India." This workshop aimed to provide students with in-depth knowledge and practical skills related to the patent filing process, legal requirements, and strategic insights into Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), focusing on patents.

Objective

The workshop's primary goal was to equip participants with a clear understanding of the basics of patent law in India, educate them on the procedural aspects of filing a patent, and enhance their drafting skills for patent applications. It was specifically tailored for 4th-year BA LLB and BBA LLB students, as well as LLM students, to prepare them for practical legal challenges related to patents.

Registration and Attendance

The event saw an enthusiastic response, with more than 150 students registering for the workshop. This overwhelming participation highlights the growing interest in Intellectual Property Law among law students and CIPRA's successful outreach.

Event Details

- **Date:** 29th August 2024
- **Venue:** Moot Court Hall, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur
- **Timing:** 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Program Schedule

The workshop was well-structured and adhered to the following schedule:

1. Inauguration Ceremony (10:30 AM - 10:45 AM)

- The session began with a welcome address by Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari, Director of Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur. Dr. Dari highlighted the importance of understanding patent law in today's competitive environment and set the tone for the workshop.

2. Session I: Introduction to Patent Law and Procedural Aspects of Patent Filing (10:45 AM - 12:30 PM)

- **Content Overview:**
 - **Introduction to Patent Law:** Dr. Priti Tayade began the session by introducing the fundamental concepts of patent law, including the definition of patents, the importance of patents in protecting inventions, and the role of patents in fostering innovation and economic growth.
 - **Types of Patents:** The session covered different types of patents, such as utility patents, design patents, and plant patents, with examples illustrating each type.
 - **Patentability Criteria:** Dr. Tayade explained the essential criteria for patentability, including novelty, non-obviousness, and industrial applicability. She provided real-life case studies to highlight how these criteria are applied in practice.
 - **Patent Filing Process in India:** The procedural aspects of filing a patent in India were discussed in detail, including the steps involved in patent registration, required documentation, and timelines. Dr. Tayade also touched upon the international patent filing process, including the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).
 - **Common Mistakes in Patent Filing:** The session concluded with a discussion on common mistakes inventors and legal practitioners make during the patent filing process and how to avoid them.

3. Q&A Session (12:30 PM - 12:45 PM)

- Following the first session, a Q&A session was held where students asked insightful questions regarding the topics covered. Dr. Tayade addressed their

queries, providing clarity on various aspects of patent law and the filing process.

4. Lunch Break (12:45 PM - 1:50 PM)

5. Session II: Drafting a Patent Application, Case Studies, and Practical Insights (1:50 PM - 3:30 PM)

○ **Content Overview:**

- **Drafting a Patent Application:** The second session focused on the intricacies of drafting a patent application. Dr. Tayade discussed the key components of a patent application, including the title, abstract, detailed description, claims, and drawings. She emphasized the importance of clear and precise language in drafting to avoid ambiguities that could affect the patent's enforceability.
- **Patent Claims:** Dr. Tayade elaborated on the significance of patent claims, describing them as the heart of the patent application. She explained how to draft claims that are both broad enough to cover potential variations of the invention and specific enough to be enforceable.
- **Case Studies:** The session included an analysis of successful and unsuccessful patent applications, highlighting what made the difference in each case. Dr. Tayade used these case studies to illustrate common pitfalls and best practices in patent drafting.
- **Practical Insights:** Dr. Tayade shared practical tips on navigating the patent examination process, responding to patent office actions, and strategies for patent prosecution. She also discussed the importance of maintaining confidentiality during the patent filing process and the potential consequences of public disclosure before filing.

6. Q&A Session (3:30 PM - 3:45 PM)

- The second Q&A session allowed students to delve deeper into the practical aspects of patent drafting and filing. Dr. Tayade provided detailed answers and additional resources for further learning.

7. Vote of Thanks (3:45 PM - 3:50 PM)

- The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the student convenors, acknowledging the efforts of Dr. Priti Tayade, the organizing team, and the participants.

Resource Person

The workshop was expertly conducted by Dr. Priti Tayade, a Registered Patent Agent and the founder of Patent Masterkey. Dr. Tayade's extensive experience in patent law and her ability to convey complex legal concepts in an accessible manner greatly enriched the learning experience for the participants.

Conclusion

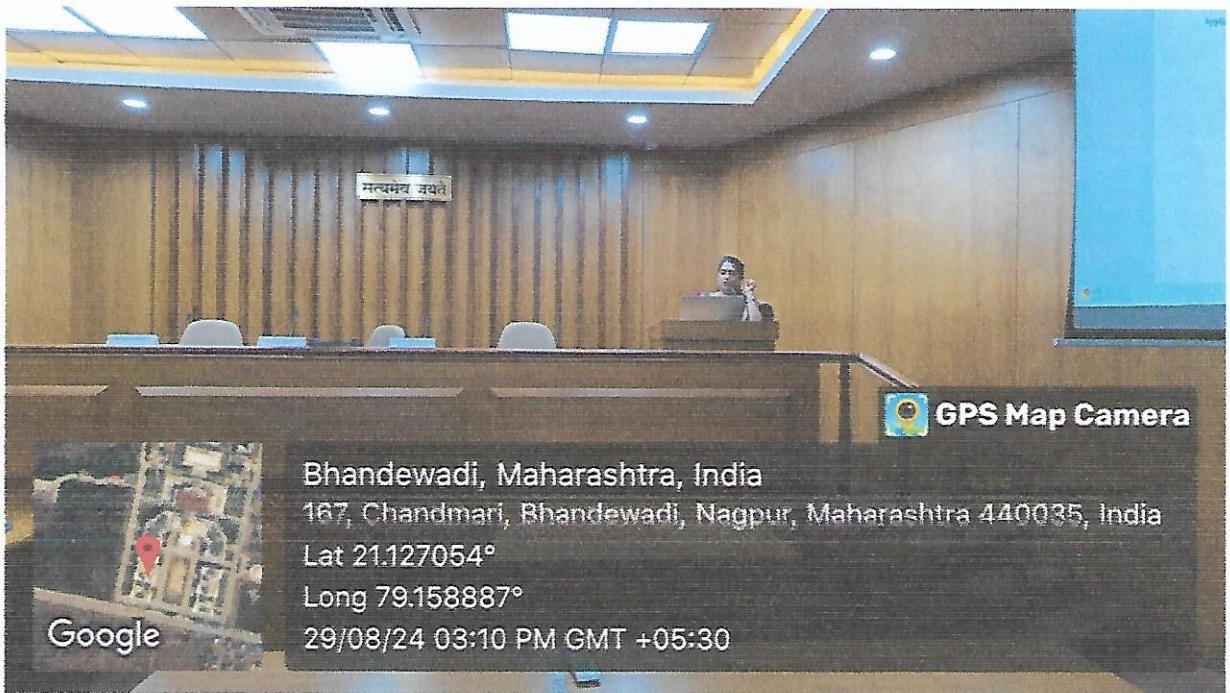
The workshop on "Patent Filing in India" was a tremendous success, achieving its objective of equipping students with both theoretical knowledge and practical skills in patent law. The high level of student engagement, as evidenced by the active participation during Q&A sessions, demonstrated the workshop's effectiveness in enhancing students' understanding of patent filing and drafting.

Acknowledgments

The event was organized under the guidance of Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari, Director of Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur. and Mr. Karun Sanjaya, Faculty-in-Charge of CIPRA, and Assistant Professor at Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur. The event's success was also due to the hard work and dedication of the student convenors, Ms. Atyantika Parasrampurua and Mr. Sooryanarayanan T. R., who played a pivotal role in coordinating the event.

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