

Behind the scenes: opposition and appeal

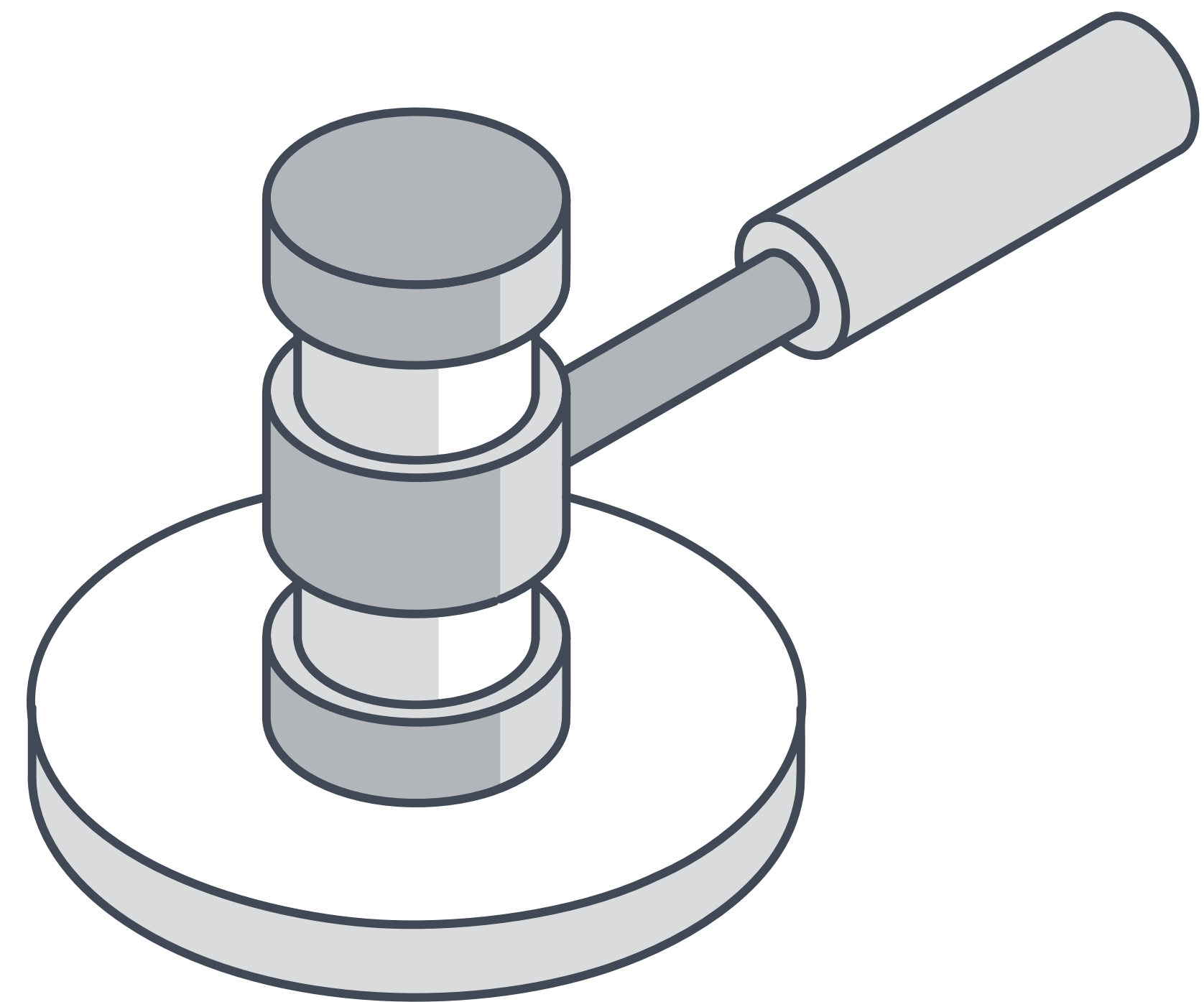
Programme | 16 – 27 September 2024

Format - **online course**

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Description

This tutored course addresses the topics of “opposition and appeal”. It gives you the opportunity to exchange interactively with EPO opposition examiners and board of appeal (BoA) members, who will present examples illustrating the practical application of legal texts in their daily work. Based on exercises, participants will gain insights into what this work involves, such as deciding on the best suitable action as a member of an opposition division, drafting the chosen action (communication, summons, direct decision) and a communication in appeal.

The EPO and BoA tutors will discuss the exercises (assignments) in two live sessions. An online forum will enable participants to interact with each other and the tutors.

The online course starts on 16 September and ends on 27 September 2024.

Technical requirements

The online sessions will be held on Zoom.

Duration

Five hours of online sessions plus five hours of self-study.

Presenters

EPO team

Moderator: *Bettina Berger*, co-ordinator,
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Tutors: *Alexandre Bitton*, patent examiner,
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BoA team

Tutors: *Javier Eraso Helguera*, technically qualified
member, Boards of Appeal
Antoine Robin, lawyer, Legal Research,
Boards of Appeal
Nikolay Uhlmann, technically qualified
member, Boards of Appeal

Monday,
16 September

09.50	Zoom link activated	10.05	Opposition phase Discussion of the assignment <i>Eveline Lançon, EPO</i> <i>Alexandre Bitton, EPO</i>
10.00	Welcome		
10.05	Kick-off: principles of the course and introduction of tutors <i>Martijn Lantsheer, EPO</i>	11.20	Examples and questions from the forum, Q&A
10.20	Q&A	11.30	End of session
10.30	End of session		

Thursday,
19 September

09.50	Zoom link activated
10.00	Welcome

Thursday,
26 September

- 09.50 Zoom link activated
- 10.00 Welcome
- 10.05 Appeal phase
 - Discussion of the assignment
 - Javier Eraso Helguera, BoA*
 - Antoine Robin, BoA*
 - Nikolay Uhlmann, BoA*
- 11.20 Examples and questions from the forum, Q&A
- 11.30 End of session