



Nuances of Patent Prosecution at Indian Patent Office

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About the Webinar:

India has emerged as a major destination for patent filing, and with the thrust given to Indian innovators/researchers, the number of patent filings in India is expected to increase even further. To handle this surge in patent filing, the Indian Patent Office has brought about a number of changes in its internal procedures, protocols and processes with respect to dealing with patent applications, especially in handling the examination, grant and opposition proceedings. To elaborate on this, Khurana & Khurana Advocates and IP Attorneys and IIPRD are holding an interactive online session/ webinar with Dr. K. S. Kardam, Former Senior Joint Controller of Patents & Designs, focusing on:

- Key aspects to be kept in mind while responding to examination reports, for instance from claim amendment and novelty/inventive step arguments standpoint.
- How does timing of response filing, a specific way of structuring the technical/patent-eligibility arguments in the response, play a role in the mind of the Patent Controller during examination of an application.
- Best practices while undertaking the hearings and while filing responses to the hearing notices.
- Tips while arguing on Section 3 objections, specifically patent eligibility in view of Section 3D and 3K.
- In view of the extremely delayed proceedings at the IPAB, filing review petitions and any other practices that should be kept in mind to increase the chances of allowance of a patent application.

About the Speakers:



Dr. K. S. Kardam
(Former Senior Joint Controller Patents & Designs)

Dr. Kardam worked in the Indian Patent office for last 37 years and held various positions. He has superannuated on 31st July 2019. Before his superannuation, he was holding the post of Senior Joint Controller of Patents & Designs and Headed the Delhi Patent Office & the Indian ISA/IPEA. He also did post graduation in Organic Chemistry. He has published several papers in various journals on the topic related to Intellectual property. When India joined WTO and TRIPS, he had actively participated in the process of amendment to the Patents Act 1970 in the year 1999, 2002 and 2005 and revision in the Patents Rules. He has been actively involved in the preparation of Manual of Patent Office Practice and Procedure (MPOPP), Patent Office Practice (POP for internal working, Examination guidelines for the inventions relating to Biotechnology, Traditional Knowledge, Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals and Computer Related Inventions(CRI). He has also represented India on many occasions in WIPO in respect of Standing Committee on Patent Law (SCP), PCT Working Group, Meetings of International Authorities (MIA), WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, among many others.



Tarun Khurana
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Tarun has over 18 years of experience in a broad range of Intellectual Property subject matters. Tarun is among the top 12 Patent Prosecution Practitioners in India as ranked by IAM 1000 (and also by IAM 300 Strategists). He has executed numerous assignments related to exercises of Patent Portfolio Creation, Protection, Valuation and Commercialization for corporates ranging from Small Start-ups to Fortune 5 companies. Tarun focuses on Patent Preparation, Prosecution and Litigation Opinions for Computer Implemented, Telecommunication, Electronics, and Mechanical subject matters. His education includes Bachelors in Computer Science from Pune University, Masters in Software Systems from BITS Pilani, Bachelors of Law from CCS University, an MBA from the prestigious IIM Lucknow, and is in pursuit of a PhD.

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