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Best Practices for Assignment of IP Rights: UK, Europe and US

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An in-depth overview of how to execute assignments to make sure that ownership is clear, enforceable, and compliant with legal requirements



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Course overview

Understanding the assignment process and procedures at the UK Intellectual Property Office (UKIPO), European Patent Office (EPO) and the US Patent Office (USPTO) is essential for all those responsible for managing intellectual property portfolios. This course provides an in-depth overview of the key steps you need to know to ensure smooth and compliant assignments.

The expert trainer will explore inventor declarations and assignments, including what to expect during the process and how to handle potential issues that may arise. Delegates will learn how to approach and plan for assignments prior to the transfer of rights.

The course also covers potential pitfalls of assignments, such as being signed by only one party, imperfect chain of title, or assigning to the incorrect company and managing these potential pitfalls. You'll gain insights into the circumstances under which an inventor declaration is required as well as assignments.

With a focus on practical guidance, this course will equip you with the knowledge to manage assignments and inventor declarations from start to finish, ensuring robust protection for your intellectual property.

Benefits of attending

By attending this event you will:

- **Understand** the assignment process
- **Learn** about the patent laws, regulations, policies and procedures
- **Get to grips** with inventor declarations and assignment requirements
- **Explore** best practice
- **Examine** how to streamline the process
- **Understand** the parties to the assignment

Who should attend?

This course has been designed for those tasked with managing IP assignments, including:

- IP lawyers
- Paralegals and legal assistants
- IP managers and administrators
- Formalities professionals
- In-house lawyers
- Private practice IP lawyers

Programme

Overview of the patent laws, regulations, policies & procedures

- United Kingdom
- Europe
- United States

Assignments vs. inventor declarations

- Key differences
 - Assignment
 - Inventor declaration
- Legal impact
 - Purpose
 - When used
 - What it does

The perfect assignment

- Practical guidelines
 - Who do inventors need to assign to?
 - Checklist for compliance
 - Streamline process
- Gold standard
 - Global assignment language

Presenter



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where she was responsible for aiding in the management and growth of the patent portfolio. Prior to that she was the Head of and Director for Pure Ideas Limited where she managed the strategy, P&L, KPIs and intellectual property operations of the firm.

JoAnna has over 27 years experience in intellectual property in both the US and England. She holds an Associate and Bachelor's degree in Paralegal Studies from Rivier College.

Course dates

2 October 2025

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13:30-17:00 **UK (London)** (UTC+01)

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