

Legally and technically qualified judges of the Unified Patent Court - Court of First Instance and Court of Appeal

Vacancy Notice

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The Unified Patent Court (UPC) will be a new supranational court specialised in patent litigation, based on the Unified Patent Court Agreement (UPCA), signed by the following 25 Member States of the European Union: AT, BE, BG, CZ, CY, DE, DK, EE, EL, FI, FR, HU, IE, IT, LU, MT, NL, LT, LV, PT, RO, SE, SI, SK, UK. The UPC will consist of a Court of First Instance, a Court of Appeal and a Registry. The Court of First Instance will comprise a central division with seat in Paris and sections in London and Munich as well as regional divisions and local divisions located in the Contracting Member States. The Court of Appeal will be located in Luxemburg. The UPC will have a wide and exclusive competence in respect of infringement and validity of European patents and European patents with unitary effect. It is planned that the UPC will start operations early 2017. The UPC is expected to become rapidly a leading patent court at international level, and its caseload can be expected to grow rapidly.

The UPC is looking for Legally qualified judges to serve at the Court of First Instance or at the Court of Appeal

– several full-time and part-time posts –

– 6-year terms –

The successful candidates will be part of a new supranational court and contribute decisively by their judicial work and highest standards of competence to ensure that the UPC becomes a widely respected forum for settling patent disputes in the Contracting Member States of the European Union.

Candidates shall be nationals of one of the Member States having signed the [UPCA](#). To be appointed, the successful candidates shall be nationals of Member States having [ratified the UPCA](#). They shall have a good command of at least one official language of the European Patent Office (English, French or German), shall ensure the highest standards of competence and shall have proven experience in the field of patent litigation. Specific training in patent litigation according to Art. 2(3) of [UPCA Statute](#) will also be accepted.

Candidates shall possess the qualifications required for appointment to judicial offices in the Member State of which they are nationals. Reference is made to the official information provided in the Information on the selection process of UPC judges.

- extensive experience in the field of patent litigation,
- initiative, high degree of commitment and self-motivation and a proactive approach to ensure

efficiency and high quality of proceedings at the UPC,

- the ability to work both independently and as part of a judicial panel or specialist team, and to meet tight deadlines,
- well-developed written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills,
- strong analytical skills,
- the capacity to work in a multinational and multilingual environment.

The UPC offers attractive salaries, allowances, social benefits and a pension scheme comparable to that offered at other international courts. The net monthly salary for this vacancy is of EUR 11 000 for full-time judges at the Court of First Instance and of 12 000 for full-time judges at the Court of Appeal.

The successful candidates will be selected on the basis of qualifications and relevant experience, supplemented by interviews which are planned for end of 2016. Appointments by the UPC's Administrative Committee are planned to take place early 2017.

Deadline for application is [04.07.2016]

Please read the [Information on the selection process](#) of UPC judges including the instructions before completing the online Application Form either in English, French or German.

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Qualifications

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Candidates shall have

- a university degree,
- proven expertise in a field of technology and proven knowledge of civil law and procedure relevant in patent litigation.
- Specific training in patent litigation according to art 2(3) of [UPCA Statute](#) will also be accepted.

In addition, the ideal candidate will have

- extensive experience in the field of patent litigation
- initiative, high degree of commitment and self-motivation and a proactive approach to ensure efficiency and high quality of proceedings at the UPC,
- the ability to work both independently and as part of a judicial panel or specialist team, and to meet tight deadlines,
- well-developed written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills,
- strong analytical skills,
- the capacity to work in a multinational and multilingual environment.

Salary and benefits

The UPC offers attractive salaries allowances, social benefits and a pension scheme comparable to that offered at other international courts. The net monthly salary for this vacancy is of EUR 11 000 for Court of First Instance judges (full-time equivalent).

Process and timeline

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supplemented by interviews which are planned for end of 2016. Appointments by the UPC's Administrative Committee are planned to take place in early 2017. Technically qualified judges shall be appointed to the Court of First Instance but shall also be available to the Court of Appeal.

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