



London 2019

Panel Session XII: Designs on trial (mock trial)

Following the success of mock patent trials at the 2008, 2012 and 2016 Congresses, and the mock international IP arbitration at the 2014 Congress, the London 2019 Congress will showcase a mock designs trial.

The London 2019 Congress mock trial is designed to demonstrate the general nature of designs litigation and to highlight many of the key issues in designs litigation today, including scope of protection, validity, infringement and remedies. It will consist of two parts. To start with, leading IP litigators from around the world will act as mock participants in a hypothetical litigation regarding wearable health devices with graphical user interfaces and will argue their case before a panel of international judges. The case will apply European Union design law. After the judges hand down their verdict, the judges and advocates will discuss how the case would have differed – both substantively and procedurally – under the laws in their countries.