

IPM525 Patent Office Action

Level: 5

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JULY

Synopsis:

IPM525 Patent Office Action prepares students to sit for the Singapore Patent Agent Qualifying Examination Paper B: Amendment of a Patent Specification. The course delves into evaluating the patentability of patent applications and drafting responses to written opinions / office actions. Students will also practice amending claims and specifications as well as following up with the relevant stakeholders.

Topics:

- Patent Applications
- Qualifying Criteria for Patentability
- Components of a Written Opinion / Office Action
- Responding to Novelty Objections
- Responding to Inventive Step Objections
- Addressing Unpatentable Subject Matter / Industrial Applicability Objections
- Support, Clarity and Enablement
- Unity of Invention
- Types of Disclosure and Effect as Prior Art
- Responses to Written Opinion / Office Actions
- Considerations When Responding to a Written Opinion / Office Actions
- Amendment of Patent Claims and Specifications
- Consequences Associated with Improper Management of Written Opinions / Office Actions
- Follow-up with Relevant Stakeholders.

Learning Outcome:

- Interpret components of a written opinion / office action
- Assess the considerations when responding to a written opinion / office action
- Appraise the consequences associated with improper management of written opinions / office actions
- Evaluate the patentability of patent applications in accordance with the qualifying criteria for patentability in view of prior art
- Assess viability of clients' instructions and business interests
- Revise claims and specifications to overcome rejections / objections
- Discuss and follow up with relevant stakeholders on proposed response to written opinions / office actions and its implications to clients' objectives

Assessment Strategies:

Continuous Assessment Component	Weightage (%)
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	25
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Sub-Total	50
Examinable Component	Weightage (%)
Written Exam	50
Sub-Total	50
Weightage Total	100