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## Düsseldorf Courts expand their capacities for patent litigation

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The number of patent infringement suits filed with the District Court of Düsseldorf remains constantly high. In addition to the two existing patent litigation chambers (chamber 4a presided by Dr. Crummenerl and chamber 4b presided by Ms Voss), the Court now installed a third 4c chamber. This new 4c chamber already started its work at the end of 2012 under the presidency of experienced judge Ms Klepsch. Ms Klepsch, at last, substitutionally presided the 4b patent chamber and had before been in the patent litigation senate of the Düsseldorf Appellate Court. The increasing capacities of the Düsseldorf District Court will lead to a noticeable shortening of patent litigation proceedings in first instance. Düsseldorf, as a place of venue, is now ideally staffed also for upcoming developments.

Also the Düsseldorf Appellate Court as the Court of second instance will consequently have to provide further capacities for patent litigation in order to handle the expected increase of appeal proceedings competently and in the shortest possible time. We may reckon that a second senate for patent litigation will be established already in the first half of 2013 in addition to the exisiting "2nd senate" for patent litigation presided by Dr. Kühnen.

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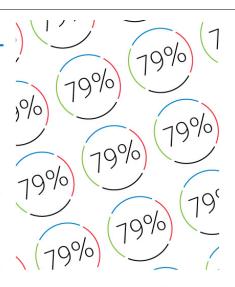
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