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## Unified Patent Court extends number of technically qualified judges

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Since the start of June 2023, 21 new technically qualified judges have been appointed to the Unified Patent Court and more will follow later this year. According to a [UPC announcement](#), candidates will be contacted for interviews in the upcoming weeks.

Before taking up their duties, the newly appointed judges take an oath in open court. For this purpose, [open court sessions were scheduled](#) at the Central Division Sections in Munich and Paris on 16 August. In Paris another session is planned for 5 September, whereas the Nordic-Baltic Regional Division will have an open court session on 30 August. The list of 21 judges can be found [here](#).



The UPC opened its doors on the first of June 2023. A total of 37 legally qualified judges and 68 technically qualified judges have been appointed so far.

Patent attorney Joeri Beetz [launched a UPC search website](#), which shows that up to last week 35 infringement cases had been filed. The claimant in 12 of them is Panasonic, in what website [JUVE Patent](#) describes as the first major dispute over mobile communications and SEPs at the UPC. The cases were filed at the local divisions in Mannheim and Munich.

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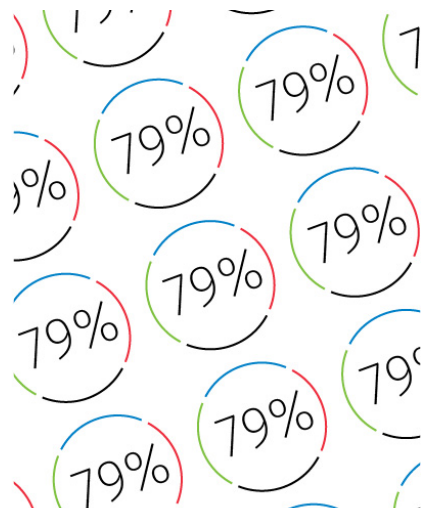
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