

PIUG 2016 Annual Conference Workshop
Patent Law Fundamentals for Patent Information Specialists

Time and location

Saturday, May 21: 1:30pm – 4:30pm; conference room to be determined

Abstract

This workshop will explain the fundamentals of patent law, the terminology used in patent databases, and the significance of patent laws to searching and reporting patent information - the underlying framework that usually "goes without saying" when patent searchers are trained.

Topics will include the conditions for patentability, ownership and assignment of patent rights, priority and the Paris Convention, patenting procedures, patent families, and variability among the patent laws of the United States and other patenting authorities, and will include recent changes that may affect patent searches.

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Edlyn S. Simmons retired in 2009 from her position as Principal Information Scientist in the Global Business Services Infolytics group at The Procter & Gamble Company in Cincinnati, Ohio, and founded Simmons Patent Information Service, LLC. Previously she was for many years the Manager of the Patent Information Group in the Patent Department of Hoechst Marion Roussel, Inc.

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Edlyn is past president and past director-at-large of the Patent Information Users Group and was the recipient of the International Patent Information Award in 2005. She has lectured and published extensively in the field of chemical and patent information and served as a Course Director of the PERI Patent Searching and PIUG Patent Information Fundamentals courses. She is a member of the American Chemical Society Divisions of Chemical Information and Chemistry and the Law, and is a member of the ACS Joint Board-Council Committee on Patents and Related Matters. She is also a member of the Association of Independent Information Professionals (AIIP) and is on the editorial board of World Patent Information, The International Journal for Industrial Property Documentation, Information, Classification and Statistics.