

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INSTITUTE OF CANADA

# Patent Agent Training Course

MODULE 1 – DRAFTING AND PROSECUTION

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# Objectives

*This Patent Agent Training Course is an advanced, practical program intended to enhance the patent agent trainees' skills relevant to drafting and prosecution and to increase their chances of success in the Patent Agent Qualifying Examination.*

## Course schedule

### INITIAL ON-SITE SESSION\*

**September 15 - 17, 2010—Toronto**

MaRS Centre  
South Tower, 101 College Street, Suite 100

### **Vancouver—session to be confirmed**

If enough interest is expressed, the initial session will be simultaneously held in Vancouver. However, the initial classroom session is mandatory and students must be prepared to attend in Toronto should it be held only in that city.

***Interested in attending Vancouver? Let us know as soon as possible in order for a session to be planned in that city.***

*\*Attendance at the initial session is mandatory.*

## Who will benefit from the course?

**Patent Agent Trainees** at law firms, patent agency firms, corporations and technology transfer offices seeking to gain practical experience.

**Intellectual Property Managers** who want to acquire a comprehensive understanding of the patent process.

## Pre-requisites

To obtain the optimum benefits from the course it is recommended that students:

- have at least one year of training with a qualified patent agent or patent lawyer
- have participated in the preparation of patent applications and responses to office actions

## Course structure

### INITIAL ON-SITE SESSION

An initial 3-day classroom session will be held to introduce the core principles surrounding patent practice in Canada and to discuss the Patent Agent Exam. Topics covered during the session will include:

- ▶ The First Meeting with the Inventor/Client
- ▶ The Parts of the Specification and their Purpose
- ▶ Claim Drafting — Principles & Approaches
- ▶ Claim Drafting — Examples & Errors
- ▶ Drafting the Disclosure
- ▶ Amendment and Prosecution
- ▶ Analysis of Office Actions
- ▶ Parts and Format of the Response
- ▶ Procedural Objections
- ▶ Anticipation and Obviousness Objections
- ▶ Writing the Patent Agent Exam

### PRACTICAL EXERCISES

The initial session will be followed by 12 practical exercises, consisting of one exercise per week over 12 weeks (September 27 – December 17, 2010). The homework will involve approximately 5 hours per week. The exercises will be submitted via e-mail to the instructors who will in turn provide comprehensive feedback on each answer received.

### WEB-BASED DISCUSSION FORUM

Students will participate in a web-based discussion forum designed to encourage interaction.

## Accommodation

MaRS Centre has preferred rates with hotels nearby. Please visit our website at [www.ipic.ca](http://www.ipic.ca) for more information.

**PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

### ATTESTATION OF COMPLETION

Students who complete the exercises will receive an attestation of completion at the end of the course.

