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Brinks Gilson & Lioné attorney leads webinar on preparing a patent disclosure for prosecution before the EPO

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ANN ARBOR – Linda Nattler, an IP attorney with the Ann Arbor office of Brinks Gilson & Lioné, one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the U.S., conducted a webinar on June 28, 2016 entitled *Preparing a Patent Disclosure for Efficient and Effective Prosecution Before the European Patent Office (EPO)*. The webinar launched the firm's new series, *Transatlantic Synergy: Drafting Patent Applications to Comply with Both the USPTO and the EPO Practice*.

Patent applications drafted outside of Europe are sometimes difficult to prosecute before the EPO because claim amendments must pass a much stricter disclosure standard than in many other countries. Even if claims result in a granted patent, opposition proceedings before the EPO may lead to a revocation of the patent if claim amendments are held to be insufficiently disclosed in the description.

In the webinar, Nattler provided insight into the European disclosure requirements for claim amendments. She also noted strategies for drafting a patent disclosure that allows for a broad variety of claims amendments that will withstand scrutiny before and after grant.

A German native, Nattler focuses her intellectual property law practice on patent prosecution and IP portfolio management, with a particular emphasis on the areas of mechanics, electronics, hydraulics and computerized processes. Prior to joining Brinks, Nattler gathered extensive experience in U.S., European and German patent prosecution. While employed in Europe, she was admitted to practice before the European Patent Office. Nattler attended Thomas Cooley Law School on a full academic scholarship and graduated magna cum laude. She holds an undergraduate degree in physics from Universität Bayreuth in Germany.

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