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JORDAN-ENFORCEMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS WORKSHOP



Baianat Intellectual Property was held a workshop related to the “Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights” on 19 July 2022 at Fairmont Hotel (5th Circle – Amman).

The aim of this workshop was to spread the knowledge and awareness in relation to Intellectual Property through organizing workshops to the Public Security Directorate , Jordan standards and metrology organization (JSMO) , Jordan Customs , Criminal Investigation Unit , Jordan Food and Drug Administration ,

Jordan Enterprise Development Corporation JEDCO ,The University of Jordan , Ministry of Industry Trade & Supply , Amman Chamber of Commerce , Judicial Council , JRTV | Jordan Radio and Television Corporation , Dubai Electricity and Water Authority-DEWA , Al-Mamlaka , Khaberni , and the other private institutions.

The workshop focused on a major topics related to the Intellectual Property :

- Procedures for the enforcement of intellectual property rights in the light of local legislation and international agreements.
- The impact of intellectual property rights in supporting and developing national industries.
- The role of patents and innovation.



THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INVESTMENT AND COMMERCE COURT IN QATAR

HH the Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani issued Law No. 21 of 2021 regarding the establishment of the Investment and Commerce Court which has been implemented on May 10, 2022. This law has been issued in order to establish a competent court to consider cases and disputes related to trade, commercial matters and investments, such as disputes results from commercial contracts, e-commerce, unfair competition and intellectual property rights.

The purpose of this law is to simplify and expedite commercial procedures and disputes that usually require speedy settlement, as it can be difficult sometimes for the ordinary judiciary to resolve such disputes as quickly as they should be for a variety of reasons, including the large number of cases considered by competent courts and a lack of judges.

This law consists of 35 articles regulating issues and procedures before the Investment and Trade Court, and it is notable for the short timeframes associated with litigation procedures and the consideration of cases and appeals, as commercial disputes necessitate prompt resolution. In addition, this law established an electronic system under which any action regarding any dispute will be taken electronically.

As a conclusion, the issuance of this law and the establishment of the Investment and Trade Court would give Qatar's economy a boost and help it attract many international investments.



KSA-PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY BETWEEN SAIP AND EPO

The Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) and the European patent office (EPO) are launching their joint Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program to speed up the process of examining applications. Accordingly, the European Office is the fifth patent office to sign a cooperation agreement to accelerate the examination process with the SAIP

USPTO RETIRING PUBLIC PAIR

As from July 31, 2022, the USPTO will retire the Public PAIR, so that the publicly available patents and application information from that date will only be available via PatentCenter (patentcenter.uspto.gov) instead from finding the same in Public PAIR.

