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Compare – cf.

Figure – Fig.

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Number – No.

Numbers – Nos.

Official Journal – OJ

Paragraph – para.

Paragraphs – paras.

Section or § – Sec.

Sections or §§ – Secs.

Abbreviations of courts, organizations, treaties and unions:

Court of Appeal – CA

Court of First Instance – CFI

Court of Justice of the European Union – CJEU

European Community (aka “Treaty of Rome”) – EC

European Economic Community – EEC

European Patent Convention (aka “Munich Convention”) – EPC

European Patent Office – EPO

European Union (aka “Maastricht Treaty”) – EU

House of Lords HL

Patent Court – PatC

Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights – TRIPS*

WIPO Copyright Treaty – WCT

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Schwarze J (2000) Der Staat als Adressat des europäischen Wettbewerbsrechts.

EuZW 11: 613–618

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Cheng, ECM, Courtenay SM (2006) Board composition, regulatory regime and voluntary disclosure. Int J Account 41:262-289. doi:10.1016/j.intacc.2006.07.001

– Book

Enchelmaier S (1997) Europäische Wettbewerbspolitik im Oligopol. Nomos, Baden-Baden

– Book chapter

Hulle K van, Tas L van der (2001) European Union-individual accounts. In:

Ordelheide D, KPMG (eds), Transnational accounting, 2nd edn. Palgrave,

Basingstoke, pp 772–826

– Online document

Deutscher Bundestag (2009) Plenarprotokoll 16/222.

www.bundestag.de/bic/plenarprotokolle/pp_pdf/16222.pdf. Accessed 18 May 2009

Courts/Names of International Courts

The names of international courts are given in English.*

Example:

“Cour d’appel de Paris” is “Paris Court of Appeal”

“Bundesgerichtshof or BGH” is “German Federal Supreme Court”

* Note: For a comprehensive list of foreign courts and their English translation, see below.

Cases

Clagett v. Daly, 87 S. Ct. 311 (1966).

Federal Supreme Court, May 14, 1998, Case No. I ZB 9/96, 1998 GRUR 938 – Dragon.

German case references in BGH decisions

Examples:

(Original) BGHZ 98, 12, 18 – Formstein

(IIC style) 98 BGHZ 12, 18 [18 IIC 797 (1987)] – Formstein*

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Translation of German Laws

PatG § 9 Abs. 1 Satz 2 = Patent Act, Sec. 9(1), second sentence

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4 The appeal on the law is admissible and results in the contested decision being set aside and the case being returned to the appeal court for rehearing....

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5 I. The patent at issue concerns the drawing unit of a machine for drawing metal blanks, and interacts with a drawing tool as shown schematically in Fig. 1 of the patent at issue:...

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5 – I. The patent at issue concerns the drawing unit of a machine for drawing metal blanks, and interacts with a drawing tool as shown schematically in Fig. 1 of the patent at issue:....

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Austria

Kartellgericht (1. Instance – not appellate court) – Cartel Court

Kartellobergericht Cartel – Supreme Court

Oberlandesgericht Wien – Vienna Court of Appeal

Oberster Gerichtshof – Supreme Court

Österreichisches Patentamt – Patent Office

Beschwerdeabteilung – Appeals Division

Nichtigkeitsabteilung – Nullity Procedures Division

Oberster Patent- und Markensenat – Supreme Patent and Trade Mark Chamber

Patentgerichtshof – Patent Court

Verfassungsgerichtshof – Constitutional Court

Verwaltungsgericht – Administrative Court

Arbeiterkammertag – Govt. Agency representing workers (not a court)

Belgium

Tribunal de première instance de Bruxelles – Court of First Instance

Cour d'appel de Bruxelles – Court of Appeal

Tribunal de commerce – District Court for Commerce Matters

Rechtbank van Koophandel – District Court

Hof van Beroep – Court of Appeal

Benelux Gerechtshof – Court of Justice

Rechtbank – District Court

Brazil/Portugal

Tribunal da Relação – Court of Appeal

Supremo Tribunal de Justiça – Supreme Court of Justice

Denmark

So-og Handelsret – Maritime & Commercial Court

Byret – Court of First Instance

Højesteret – Supreme Court

Ostrelandsret – District Court

Fojesteret – Bailiffs Court

Marktgesetz – Marketing Practices Act

France

Cour d'appel de Paris – Paris Court of Appeal

Cour de cassation – Supreme Court

Tribunal de commerce de la Seine – District Court for Commerce Matters

Tribunal de grande instance de Paris – Paris District Court

Germany

Amtsgericht – Local Court

Bundesgerichtshof – Federal Supreme Court

Bundespatentgericht – Federal Patent Court

4. Senat – 4th Chamber

Senat – this Court, the Court

Landgericht – District Court

Oberlandesgericht – Court of Appeal

Bundeskartellamt – Federal Cartel Office

Kammergericht – Berlin Court of Appeal

Schiedsstelle nach dem ArbnErfG beim Deutschen Patentamt – Arbitration Board at the German Patent Office according to the Act on Employees' Inventions

Bundesverfassungsgericht – Federal Constitutional Court

Hungary

Fovarosi Birosag – District Court

Legfelsobb Birosag – Supreme Court

Italy

Corte di Cassazione – Supreme Court

Corte di Apello – Court of Appeal

Corte Costituzionale – Constitutional Court

Tribunale di Milano – District Court

Pretura di Roma – County Court

Commissione dei Ricorsi in materia – Patent Appeal Commission Di brevetti

Luxembourg

Tribunal d'Arrondissement – District Court

Netherlands

Octrooiraad Afdeling van Beroep Patent – Office Board of Appeal

Arrondisements-Rechtbank te Breda – District Court

Hoge Raad – Supreme Court

Gerechtshof – Court of Appeal

Norway

Hoysterett – Supreme Court

Byrett – District Court

Poland

Komisja Odwolawcza – Patent Office Appeal Commission

Komisja Rozjemcza – Patent Office Arbitration Commission

Kollegium Orzekajace – Decisions Board

Sad Najwyzszy – Supreme Court

Vojvod – District Court

Rumania

Comisia pentru solution area – Appeal Commission

Contestatiilor privind inventiile – Board of Appeals for Inventions

Russia

Comitet po delam izobretenij i otkrytij – Committee for Discoveries and

InventionsVerchovnyj sud – Supreme Court

Ekspertnyj sovet – Board of experts or Statute on Discoveries, Inventions and
Rationalization Proposals or State Office for Scientific-Technical Examination of
Inventions

Spain

Tribunal Supremo – Supreme Court

Sweden

Tingsrätt – City Court

Svea Hovrätt – Court of Appeal or Market Court or Marketing Practices Act

Switzerland

Bundesgericht – Federal Supreme Court

Bezirksgericht – District Court

Eidgenössisches Amt für Geistiges Eigentum – Federal Office for Intellectual Property

Vorprüfungssektion – Examining Division

Markenabteilung – Trade Mark Division

Beschwerdeabteilung – Board of Appeals

Handelsgericht – District Court for Commercial Matters

Obergericht – Court of Appeal

Zivilgericht Basel-Stadt – Canton of Basel District Court

Cour de justice civile – Court of Appeal

Kartellkommission – Cartel Commission

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