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

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(Original) BGHZ 98, 12, 18 – Formstein
Translation of German Laws
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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-oeg Handelsret – Maritime & Commercial Court
Byret – Court of First Instance
Hojesteret – 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 Apollo – Court of Appeal
Corte Costituzionale – Constitutional Court
Tribunale di Milano – District Court
Pretura di Roma – County Court
Luxembourg
Tribunal d'Arrondissement – District Court

Netherlands
Octrooiraad Afdeling van Beroep Patent – Office Board of Appeal
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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
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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 Inventions
Verchovnyj 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

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