

PCT & UP Handbook

A practical guide and reference Book for the EQE legal exams and EPAC

For candidates preparing for the European Qualifying Examination (EQE) or the European Patent Administration Certification (EPAC), mastering the Patent Cooperation Treaty and the Unitary Patent system is crucial. The PCT & UP Handbook offers a clear, exam-focused presentation of the relevant legal framework - ideal for targeted preparation and quick reference during the exam. Based on the well-established D-I Guide - Part 2 of 2: PCT & UP (2024) by Ignacio Lobato, this book is now published as a standalone volume in the Heymanns IP series "Heymanns Intellectual Property". Key benefits:

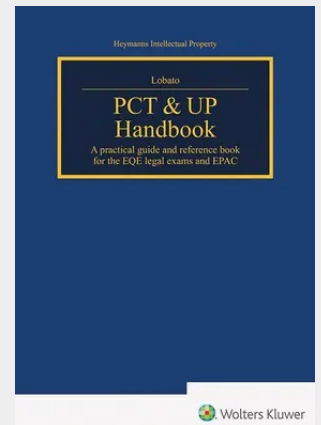
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For EQE or EPAC candidates, mastering the EPC, the PCT and the UP system is essential to excel in the exams. The PCT & UP Handbook, together with the EPC Handbook, condenses legal texts, case law, and procedural frameworks into an exam-ready, quick reference that turns anxiety into certainty on every legal question. Edited by: Ignacio Lobato is Swiss and Spanish and lives in Munich, Germany. He studied Mechanical Engineering at ETH Zurich and spent two years in the simulation department in the automotive sector before moving internally to the patent department. He qualified as a European Patent Attorney in 2022 and has since tutored the annual D1 (now F/M2) study group at Fillun. Ignacio is currently finalising his training to become a German Patent Attorney, with qualification expected by the end of 2025. Ihre Vorteile auf Wolters Kluwer Online:

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