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Increasingly IP offices are establishing modern approaches aimed at improving procedures for users through the adoption of enhanced electronic facilities and communications with each other. We have seen the Vancouver group of Canada, Australia and the UK partner with WIPO to develop Centralised Access to Search and Examination (CASE), a digital library of search and examination material. China, New Zealand and Singapore have since joined this initiative.

Within the IP5 offices of the EPO, JPO, KIPO, SIPO and USPTO, we have seen the introduction of or plans for the Common Application Format, the Common Citation Document, the One Portal Dossier and now the Global Dossier, which will integrate the IP5 proposals with WIPO and CASE. It is said the Global Dossier will advance the patent system by reducing user costs through increased efficiencies, international examiner collaboration and enhanced work sharing.

Architects of this initiative aspire to users accessing one portal to manage filings in all participating countries thereby avoiding costs, for example relating to duplicate documentation. Other cost and efficiency achieving harmonisation is planned by the Tegersee Group of patent offices, and WIPO is proposing its ePCT system of simplified national phase filing.

Panellists will expand on all of this and more, and will discuss its likely impact not only on the professional services we offer but also on our profession itself.

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Coleen graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree prior to pursuing graduate work in Biological Oceanography, as well as a Law Degree, at Dalhousie University. She then articulated with an Ottawa IP firm and was called to the Ontario Bar.

Coleen is a registered Trade-mark Agent, Barrister and Solicitor. She practices primarily in the field of trade-marks but is also able to draw on a wide range of prosecution, opposition, litigation and negotiation experience in the areas of domain names, copyright, industrial designs and patents.

Early in her career Coleen spent a brief period with the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) representing Canada at some of the first consultative meetings involving domain names and trade-marks at the national and international level. Her involvement in International IP law, and in the domain name field, continues to date.

Coleen joined Marks & Clerk in 1997, became a Partner in 2000 and has been serving as Managing Principal – Trade-marks since 2001.

Coleen serves as the Vice President of FICPI International. She also holds the position of Treasurer with FICPI Canada. Coleen is an INTA member, the past Chair of the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada Trade-mark Joint Liaison Committee and a member of the International Affairs Committee. Coleen is also a member of the Canadian Bar Association and the Law Society of Upper Canada.

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Alan is active in several professional associations, including AIPPI, FICPI, ABA, IPO, LES, ASIPI and AIPLA, where he served as President in 2010 and for 9 years as a member of the Board of Directors. He also is on the Steering Committee of AIPPI-US and serves on various Committees for AIPPI.



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