



WEBINAR ON
SEP & FRAND LICENSING: RECENT GLOBAL DEVELOPMENTS
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A REPORT

Standard Essential Patents (SEPs) and their licensing under Fair, Reasonable and Non-Discriminatory (FRAND) terms have been a subject of intense debate in the global IP market in recent years with courts and regulatory authorities taking a much closer look at the issues surrounding them while developing frameworks for resolving SEPs disputes and determining license terms. There have been recent developments in key markets including EU, China & US with respect to SEP & FRAND licensing due to which the legal position of this topic is continually evolving and, hence, needs to be communicated to larger stakeholders in India as well.

FICCI, in association with NIPO, organized a Webinar on 'SEP & FRAND Licensing: Recent Global Developments on 22nd December 2020. The webinar discussed about the Standard Essential Patents and their licensing under FRAND terms in view of the recent global developments in key jurisdictions including US and the European Union. The webinar also touched upon the role of Standard Development Organizations (SDOs) and the recent judicial pronouncements in the US regarding FRAND royalties and what would be a suitable model for India given the current legal framework while dealing with the matters related to SEP & FRAND licensing.

Mr. Dipankar Barkakati, Director, IPR Division, FICCI delivered the Welcome Address at the Opening Session followed by the panel discussion having presence of eminent speakers from Government, Industry and academia including Mr. AK Mittal, Advisor, Network Systems & Technologies, Telecommunications Standards Development Society, India (TSDSI), Mr. Yashawant Panwar, Head-PFC, TIFAC, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India, Mr. Jim Harlan, Director-Standards & Competition Policy, InterDigital, Mr. Yogesh Pai, Coordinator-IPR, National Law University-Delhi & Co-Director, CIIPC and Mr. Saurabh Anand, Senior Associate, K&S Partners. The webinar was attended by large participants from Industry, corporates, IP experts, senior IP practitioners, patent litigators, academicians, patent attorneys, young IP professionals, patent counsels, researchers and other key IP stakeholders.