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IOMed Global Series

Lecture
12 November 2026

SOLVING GLOBAL PATENT LICENSING FRAND DISPUTES: IS ADR (MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION) BECOMING THE STANDARD?

The presentation will explore the growing role of alternative dispute resolution (ADR), particularly mediation and arbitration, in resolving global patent licensing disputes involving standard-essential patents (SEPs) that must be licensed on fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory (FRAND) terms. Against the backdrop of recent developments in Europe, the presentation will assess whether ADR mechanisms offer a more effective framework than national court litigation for determining global FRAND licensing terms. It will also consider the need for specialized arbitration rules tailored to FRAND disputes, with particular attention to the emerging rules developed by the Patent Mediation and Arbitration Centre (PMAC), established under the Agreement on a Unified Patent Court. More broadly, the presentation will explore whether the development of ADR mechanisms for global FRAND patent licensing disputes can provide useful models for resolving other emerging cross-border technology disputes.

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Date:
12 November 2026
(Thursday)

Time:
6:00pm for 6:30pm to 8:00pm
(Hong Kong SAR time)

Location:
IOMed Headquarters
(Entrance on 188 Jaffe Road)

Who should attend:

- Government Officials
- Academics
- Mediators
- Legal Practitioners
- Business Leaders
- Dispute Resolution Service Providers

What is IOMed Global Series?

The IOMed Global Series is a platform for communication and information sharing on international law and dispute resolution with a view to promoting the use of mediation. The Global Series may be conducted in various formats, such as lectures, round-table discussions, and fireside chats, etc. IOMed will invite internationally recognized experts, scholars, government officials, practitioners and other distinguished guests to share their knowledge, experience and vision.

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