

WIPO's Work with Judiciaries

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Guiding principles

1. Recognition of the diversity of national judicial structures and approaches across the Organization's membership
2. Emphasis on national ownership and sustainability
3. Prioritization of judicial perspectives through regular consultation with members of the WIPO Advisory Board of Judges

<https://www.wipo.int/about-ip/en/judiciaries/>

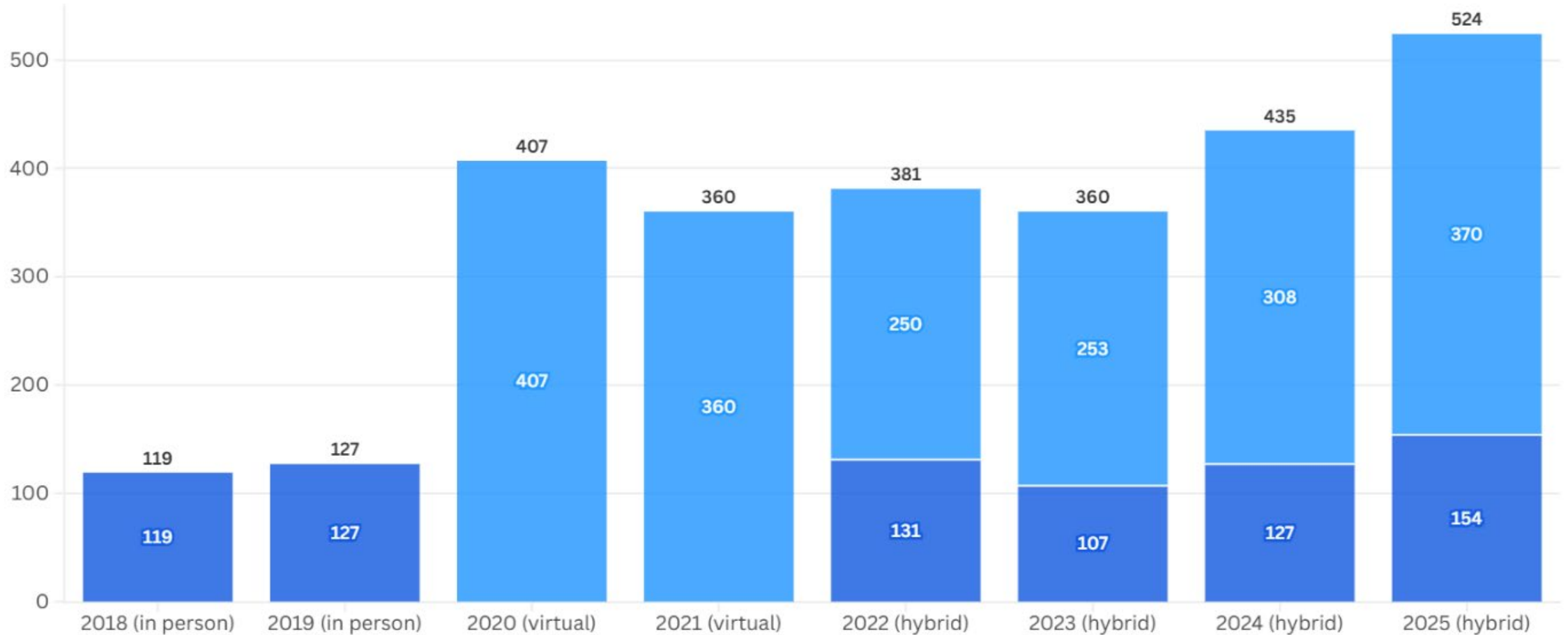
1. Exchange

- Platforms for judges to:
 - Exchange their expertise on the most pressing IP challenges
 - Observe judicial approaches of other countries and gain empirical insight
 - Inform and strengthen courts' analyses and reasoning
- Primary activities:
 - Annual WIPO Intellectual Property Judges Forum
 - WIPO Webinars for Judges

1. Exchange

WIPO IP Judges Forum 2018-2025

■ In Person ■ Virtual



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WIPO IP Judges Forum 2018-2025

Speakers have included:

- Carl Josefsson, President, Boards of Appeal, **EPO**
- Ingo Bechedorf, Deputy President, Boards of Appeal, **EPO**
- Scott Boalick, Former Chief Administrative Patent Judge, **USPTO**
- Massimo Scuffi, Presiding Judge, Board of Appeal, **Italian PTO**



Ingo Bechedorf, speaking at the 2025 WIPO IP Judges Forum. *Photo: WIPO/Berrod.*

2026 WIPO Intellectual Property Judges Forum

Promoting transnational dialogue among judiciaries

Program (<https://www.wipo.int/judgesforum2026>)

- IP and AI
- AI and Court Proceedings
- Copyright & AI Model Training
- Software & Digital Technology Patents
- Comparative, Referential and Expressive Use of Trademarks
- Online Platforms & Intermediary Liability
- Cross-Border Aspects of IP Disputes
- Specialized Procedural Rules for IP Disputes

October 14 and 15, 2026

WIPO Headquarters & Online (Zoom)

Review programs, cases discussed, and reports of prior editions:

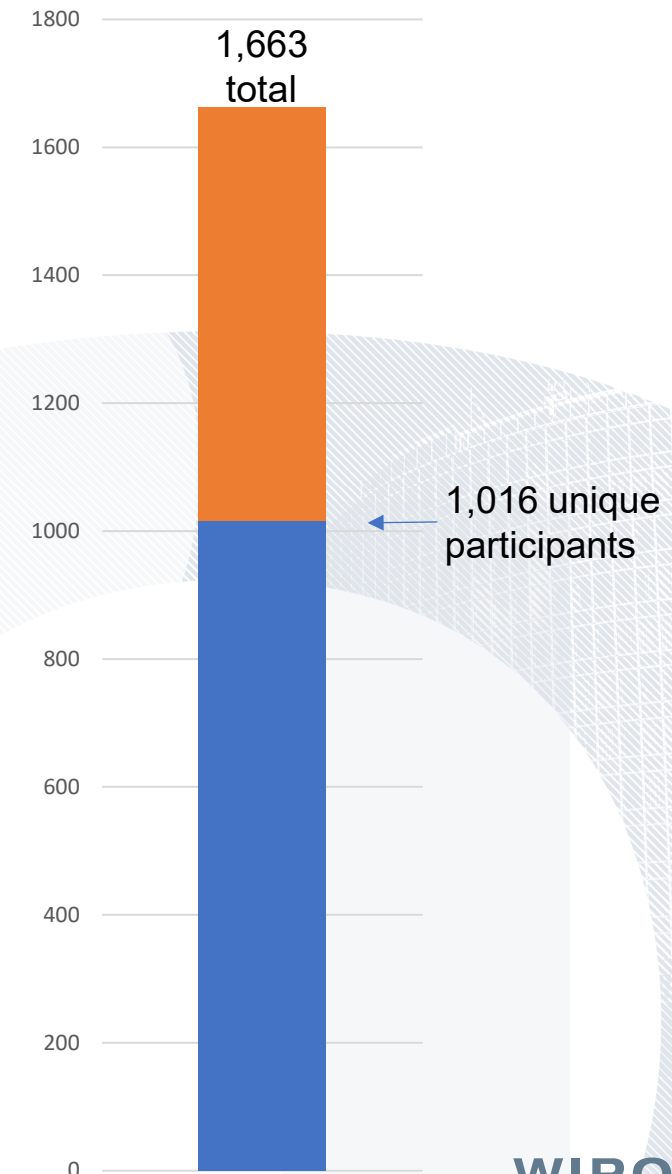
- [2025 IP Judges Forum](#)
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- [2019 IP Judges Forum](#)
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1. Exchange

WIPO Webinars for Judges

- Delivering Justice for IP Cases during Covid-19 Confinement and Beyond
- Laying the Boundaries of Patentability in Computer-Implemented Inventions
- Tailoring Injunctions to Address IP Infringement in the Digital Environment
- Evaluating Similarity of Trademarks and Likelihood of Confusion in the Caribbean Region
- Protection of Works of Applied Art in Copyright
- Evolving Jurisprudence on Artificial Intelligence (AI) Inventorship in Patents
- Trade secrets and patents – alternatives or complements?
- Compulsory Licenses and the Courts
- Preliminary measures
- Digital evidence in trademark cases
- Navigating the Threshold of Trademark Use in Online Advertising
- World IP Day Kickoff: IP and Sports

**Webinar Participation
2020-2026**



2. Resources

- [IP Judicial Structures & Procedures \(2026\)](#)
- [An International Guide to Patent Case Management for Judges \(2023, Spain chapter 2025\)](#)
- [WIPO Intellectual Property Benchbook series](#)
 - Sri Lanka (2025), Philippines (2023), Viet Nam (2023)
 - Forthcoming: Indonesia (2026), Ukraine (2026), African IP Benchbook – Nigeria and others (2026-)
- [WIPO Collection of Leading Judgments on Intellectual Property Rights](#)
 - China (1st ed. 2019, 2nd ed. 2026)
 - Members of African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (2023)



2. Resources

IP Judicial Structures & Procedures

- Online collection of judicial and quasi-judicial approaches to the administration of IP disputes
- Allows users to explore the types and members of courts and tribunals, as well as special rules of procedure that have been introduced in judicial systems across the globe

The screenshot shows the WIPO website's page for 'IP Judicial Structures & Procedures'. The page features a navigation bar with the WIPO logo and a search icon. Below the navigation bar, there are dropdown menus for 'Understand & Learn', 'Find & Explore', 'Protect & Manage', 'Partner & Collaborate', and 'About WIPO'. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Judiciaries and IP > IP Judicial Structures & Procedures'. The title 'IP Judicial Structures & Procedures' is prominently displayed, followed by the subtitle 'Approaches to judicial frameworks and procedural rules for IP disputes'. A 'Get started' box on the right side of the page prompts users to 'Choose a country to begin exploring' and offers a 'Select jurisdiction' button and an 'Advanced filter' button. Below this, a paragraph explains that the resource is designed for judges, court officials, policymakers, IP offices, practitioners, researchers, and anyone seeking to understand how different jurisdictions structure and operate their IP adjudication systems. The 'How it works' section is divided into three steps: 1. Select the countries or filter by topics, 2. Explore results, and 3. Adjust your filters. Each step is accompanied by a small icon and a brief description of the action.

<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/judiciaries/structures-rules>

2. Resources

IP Judicial Structures & Procedures

Select any combination of topics to explore which jurisdictions have adopted these approaches and understand how they work.

Quasi-judicial administrative bodies for IP disputes

- Appellate and review boards in IP offices
- Other quasi-judicial administrative bodies

Types of courts for IP disputes

- Stand-alone IP court
- No IP specialization
- IP chamber, division or specialized judges within a court
- Concentration of jurisdiction in a non-IP specialized court

Technical judges and advisors of courts for IP disputes

- Technically-qualified judges
- Technical advisors appointed by the court

Specialized procedural IP rules

- Simplified or fast-track procedures
- Bifurcated procedure for invalidity and infringement IP disputes
- Case management rules specific to IP disputes
- Specialized rules for expert evidence
- Alternative dispute resolution mechanisms specific to IP disputes

Countries

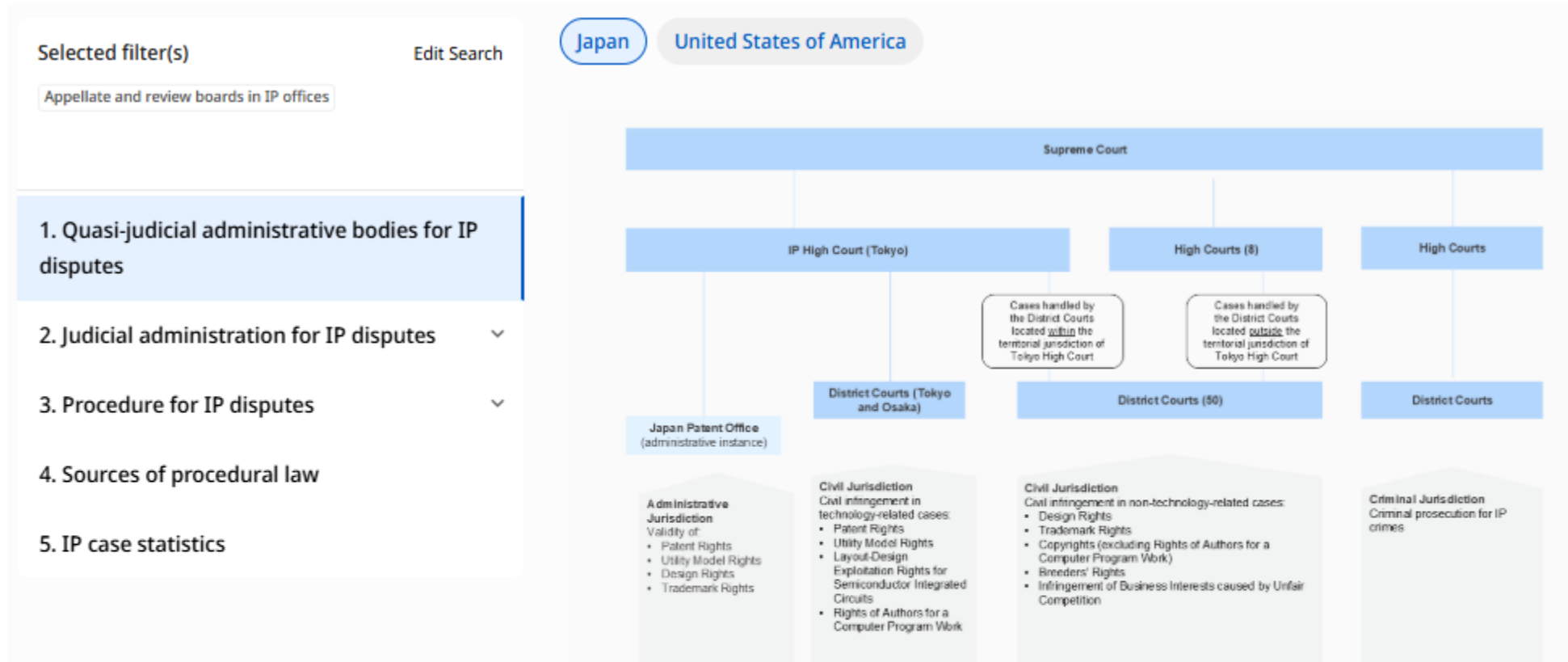
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Explore 2 result(s)

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IP Judicial Structures & Procedures



1. Quasi-judicial administrative bodies for IP disputes

The Japan Patent Office (JPO) is the administrative agency of the Government of Japan responsible for the administration of industrial property laws. ^[1]

The JPO is headed by a commissioner and includes examination departments that examine patent applications, ^[2] utility models, designs and trademarks, and a Trial and Appeal Department (TAD) which conducts trial and appeal processes related to the validity and scope of granted patents. ^[3] utility models



An International Guide to Patent Case Management for Judges

Understanding judicial systems for patent disputes across the globe

An [International Guide to Patent Case Management for Judges](#) is a comprehensive, accessible and practical guide to the different stages of patent litigation. Focused on eleven patent heavy jurisdictions, it has applicability around the world and for all actors in the IP ecosystem.

[Access full guide](#)

Build your own Patent Judicial Guide

You may create your own custom guide, by selecting any combination of the jurisdictions and topics covered in the Guide.

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<https://www.wipo.int/about-patent-judicial-guide/en/>

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Global Contribution from Judicial Experts

The guide draws on the expertise of **some 70 contributors** – prominent judges, renowned practitioners and leading legal academics in the patent field, with each country team led by:

- Justice Annabelle Bennett (ret.) (Australia)
- Judge Eduardo Azuma Nishi (Brazil)
- Judge Du Weike and Judge He Juan (China)
- Justice Klaus Grabinski (Germany)
- Justice Madan B. Lokur (ret.) (India)
- Chief Judge Ryuichi Shitara (ret.) (Japan)
- Judge Kyuhong Lee (Republic of Korea)
- Lord Justice Colin Birss (UK)
- Professor Peter S. Menell (US)
- Frédéric Bostedt and Nikolaus Obrovski (Boards of Appeal of the EPO)
- Ángel Galgo Peco (Spain)

Patent Systems and Patent Litigation Procedures

Each chapter offers an overview of the patent system in the respective jurisdiction and details the procedures and practices for managing patent infringement cases, while integrating pertinent patent law doctrines. The topics covered include:

- the role of patent offices in evaluating and determining patent validity
- the judicial structures responsible for resolving patent disputes
- early case management
- patent claim construction
- provisional measures
- discovery and gathering of information
- summary judgment
- evidence
- patent infringement trial
- remedies available in patent infringement proceedings.

<https://www.wipo.int/about-patent-judicial-guide/en/>

3. WIPO Lex – IP legal texts



- Laws

- 19,000 laws
- 202 jurisdictions



- Treaties

- 28 WIPO treaties
- 400 other IP-related treaties



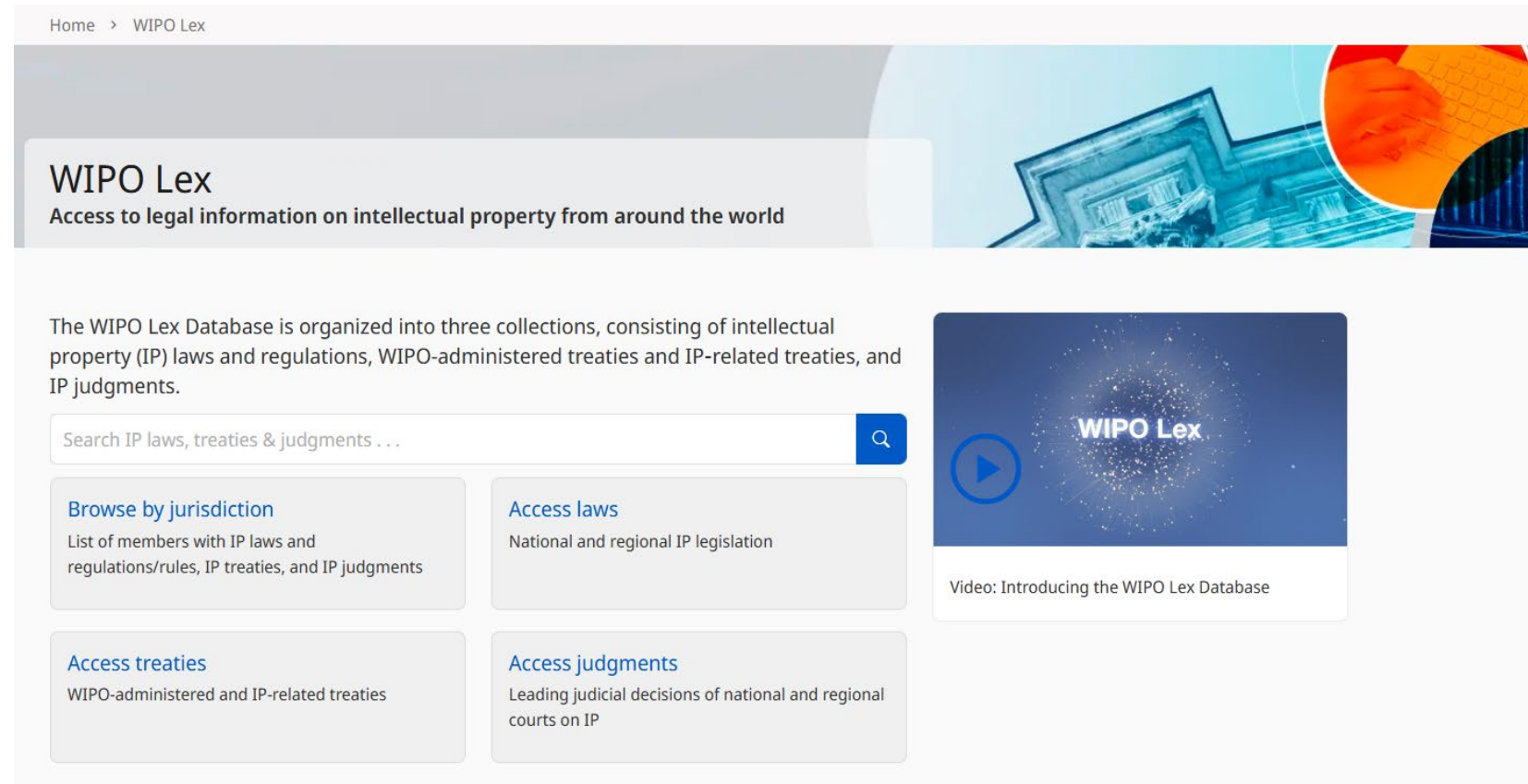
- Judgments

- 2,700 judgments
- 52 jurisdictions

<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/wipolex>

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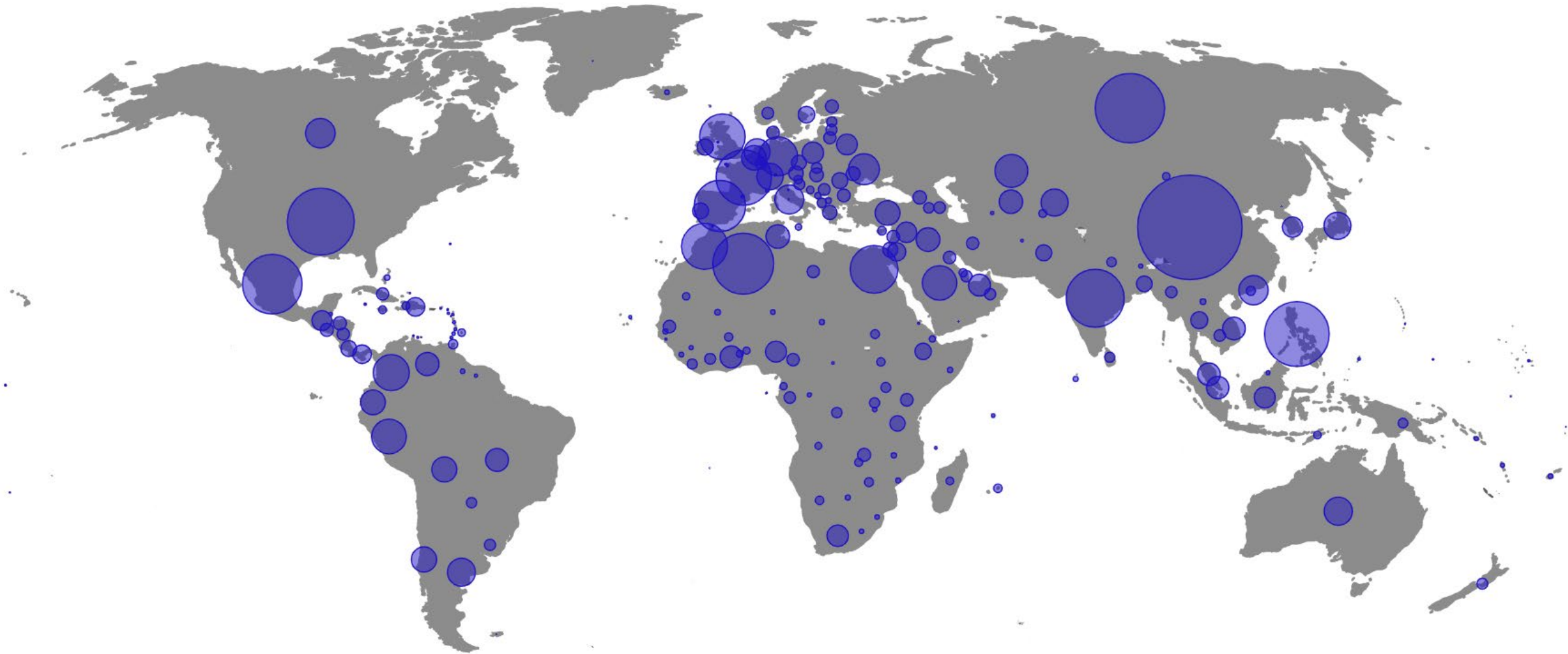
- Up-to-date and reliable data from official sources
- Free access, no registration required
- Integrated machine translation
- Rich bibliographic data, and detailed relations between relevant laws, treaties, and judgments











The screenshot shows the WIPO Lex website interface. At the top, there is a breadcrumb trail: "Home > WIPO Lex". Below this, a header section features the text "WIPO Lex" and "Access to legal information on intellectual property from around the world". A decorative banner image on the right shows a hand holding a glowing globe. The main content area includes a paragraph: "The WIPO Lex Database is organized into three collections, consisting of intellectual property (IP) laws and regulations, WIPO-administered treaties and IP-related treaties, and IP judgments." Below this is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search IP laws, treaties & judgments . . ." and a magnifying glass icon. There are four interactive buttons arranged in a 2x2 grid: "Browse by jurisdiction" (with subtext "List of members with IP laws and regulations/rules, IP treaties, and IP judgments"), "Access laws" (with subtext "National and regional IP legislation"), "Access treaties" (with subtext "WIPO-administered and IP-related treaties"), and "Access judgments" (with subtext "Leading judicial decisions of national and regional courts on IP"). On the right side, there is a video player thumbnail with a play button icon, the text "WIPO Lex", and the caption "Video: Introducing the WIPO Lex Database".

3. WIPO Lex


over 2.39 million unique visitors in 2025



3. WIPO Lex – Browse by Jurisdiction

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 -  [Kenya](#)
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Japan (272 texts)

Laws (112) Treaties (63) Judgments (97) Search 

Subject Matter ▼ Type of Text ▼ [Reset](#)

- > Main IP Laws (9 texts)
- > Implementing Rules/Regulations (55 texts)
- > IP-related Laws (20 texts)
- > Framework Laws (16 texts)
- > Other Texts (12 texts)

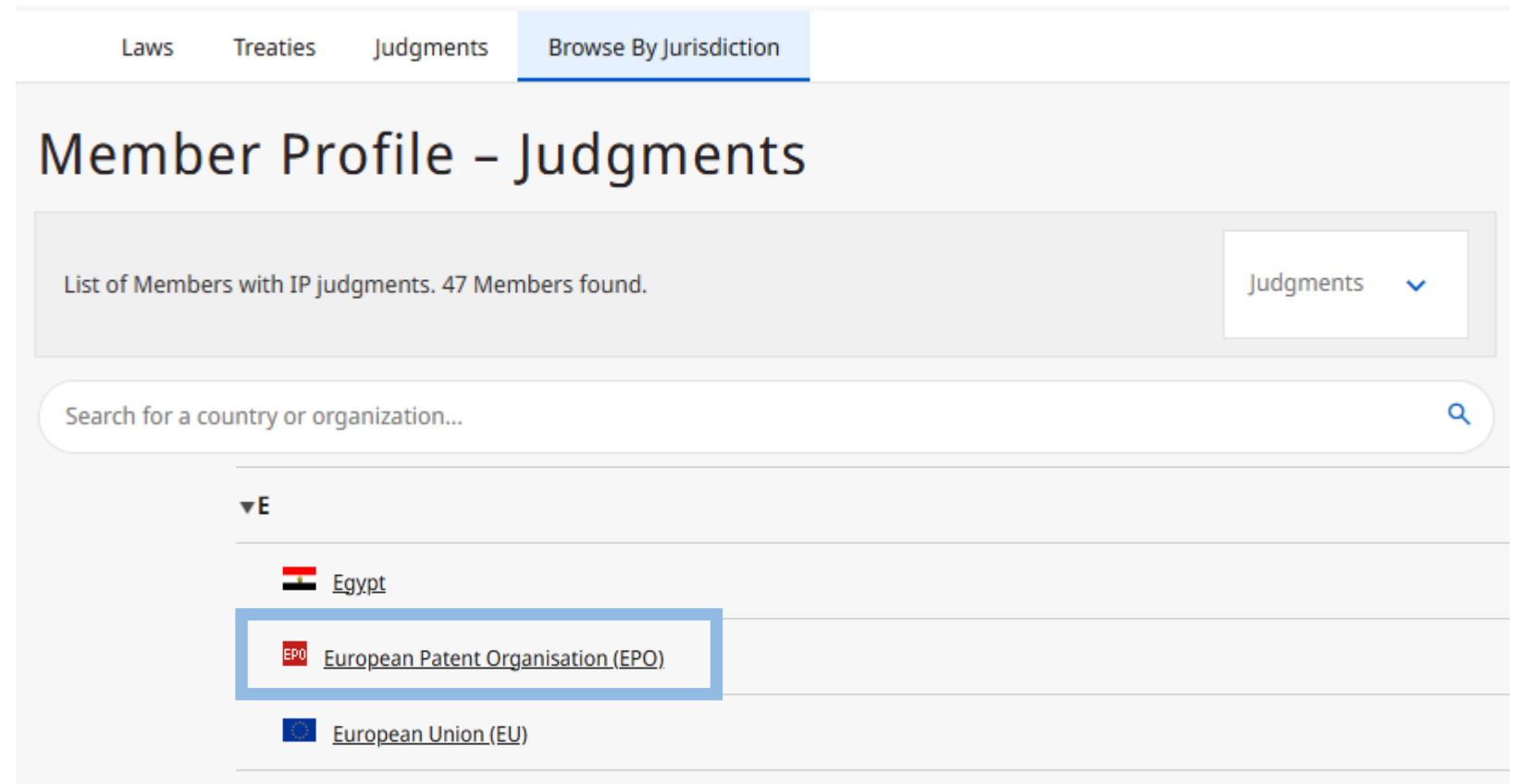
Relevant links

- [Country IP profile](#)
- [Judicial Administration Structure for IP Disputes](#)

<https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/members>

3. WIPO Lex – Judgments Collection

- 52 jurisdictions have joined since 2020, including:
 - Judiciaries of China, the European Union, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and the United States
 - EPO Boards of Appeal (April 2024)
- Decisions curated by authorities to identify leading IP judgments



<https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/main/judgments>

3. WIPO Lex – SEP Case Collection

132 judgments from 12 jurisdictions and growing

Judgments (132 texts)

Date of Judgment	Issuing Authority	Citation	Subject Matter	Index	WIPO Lex No.
March 10, 2025	Court of Appeal for British Columbia	<u>Qualcomm Incorporated v. Barroqueiro, 2025 BCCA 65</u>	Patents (Inventions)		CA011-j
March 22, 2024	State of Rio de Janeiro Judiciary, Court of Justice	<u>State of Rio de Janeiro Judiciary, Court of Justice, Anticipatory Judicial Protection n. 0126658-32.2021.8.19.0001, Chief Judge: Alexandre de Carvalho Mesquita, Judging Body: 1st Business Court, decided on March 22, 2024</u>	Patents (Inventions)	Brazil	BR051-j
December 15, 2023	State of Rio de Janeiro Judiciary, Court of Justice	<u>State of Rio de Janeiro Judiciary, Court of Justice, Common Procedure n. 0214224-53.2020.8.19.0001, Judge in Exercise: Elisabete Franco Longobardi, Judging Body: 5th Business Court, decided on December 15, 2023</u>	Patents (Inventions)	Brazil	BR050-j
February 8, 2023	State of Rio de Janeiro Judiciary, Court of Justice	<u>State of Rio de Janeiro Judiciary, Court of Justice, Common Procedure n. 0813303-40.2023.8.19.0001, Judge in Exercise: Alexandre de Carvalho Mesquita, Judging Body: 1st Business Court, decided on February 8, 2023</u>	Patents (Inventions)	Brazil	BR053-j
November 20, 2020	State of Rio de Janeiro Judiciary, Court of Justice	<u>State of Rio de Janeiro Judiciary, Court of Justice, Common Procedure n. 0207683-04.2020.8.19.0001, Chief Judge: Paulo Assed Estefan, Judging Body: 4th Business Court, decided on November 20, 2020</u>	Patents (Inventions)	Brazil	BR052-j
December 12, 2023	Supreme People's Court	<u>Advanced Codec Technologies, LLC v. Guangdong OPPO Mobile Telecommunications Co., Ltd. (2022) ZGFZMZ Nos. 907, 910, 911, 916, 917, and 918, SPC</u>	Patents (Inventions)	China	CN010-j
December 30, 2022	Supreme People's Court	<u>Apple Computer Trading (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. v. China IWNCOMM Co., Ltd. (2022) ZGFZMZ No. 817, SPC</u>	Patents (Inventions)	China	CN022-j

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4. Other WIPO Resources – SCP Documentation

WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP) compilations:

- Opposition Systems
- Administrative Revocation and Invalidation Mechanisms
- Patent Re-examination Systems



Photo: WIPO/Berrod

4. Other WIPO Resources – PATENTSCOPE



<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/patentscope/>

4. Other WIPO Resources – WIPO Pearl

WIPO Pearl - Linguistic Search Concept Map Search

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4. Other WIPO Services – WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center

- WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center (WAMC) collaborates with CNIPA, KIPO, and USPTO in the promotion of the use of ADR options for industrial property disputes.
- US PTAB encourages parties to consider ADR to settle issues raised in patent proceedings. WAMC is among the listed dispute resolution services providers for PTAB proceedings.
- WAMC also collaborates with USPTO specifically in the promotion of ADR options for disputes involving SEPs.

WIPO Alternative Dispute Resolution Options

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Offices and Courts



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