



Patents & IP in R&D

Half-Day Seminar

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This is a 4-hour seminar, by an engineer and inventor, for engineers and inventors – and business strategists and managers in R&D plus many others.

Tim Cummins has over 20 years R&D experience in electronics and semiconductors. He holds 11 US Patents and 3 European patents, and has several more patents pending in the US, PCT, and Taiwan. He has been involved in both offensive and defensive patent infringement cases, as well as IP licensing, due-diligence, and acquisition cases. From this background he brings unique experience and valuable insights to these topics, and presents them in an accessible engineering-oriented style.

Topics:

Patents – Introduction

How to read a patent

What is (and is not) patentable; What rights does a patent give

Disclosing and Filing an invention: The process, procedure, and inventors role.

Prosecuting a Patent, office actions, rebuttals, grant and issue stage

Confidentiality, NDAs, statutory bars, Prior Art searches, duty of disclosure

Differences between US and European Patenting

Infringement Analysis; claim charts; litigation

Costs of Patenting;

Other forms of protection: Copyrights, Knowhow, Trademarks, and Registrations

Patents and Intellectual Property business strategy

Licensing and Royalties

IP ownership; agreements and contractual issues