

Abel + Imray

Member Presentation for NAATBatt 2022

Neil Forsyth

Who are we?

- + LLP of patent and trademark attorneys, HQ in UK
- + Founded in 1871
- + Offices in London, Bath, Cardiff and Delft
- + 16 Partners
- + 50 Attorneys



Neil Forsyth – me!

- + Chartered UK Patent Attorney and European Patent Attorney
- + MEng in Electrical and Electronic Engineering and PhD in Communications and Signal Processing from Imperial College, London. Worked as a systems design engineer for a large European satellite company before joining patent profession
- + Patent practice focussing on electronics, telecoms, software, computing, etc. with particular interest in batteries from a circuitry, SW, charging algos., BMS perspective
- + Jim Denness = colleague, PhD Chemist
- + John Platt – Snell & Wilmer – US patents

We are not lawyers



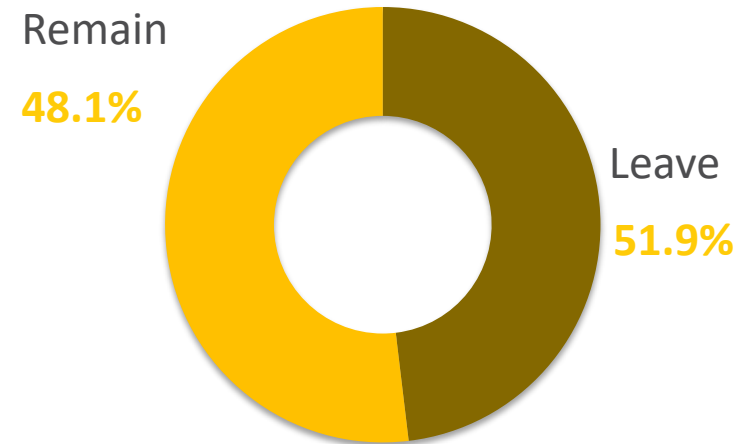
- + UK Patent attorneys are not lawyers
- + Legally trained engineers and scientists
- + Separate profession, separate exams
- + EP qualification for EPO + UK qualification/chartership for UKIPO



One beginning with B.....

Brexit

“Britain exit”



Timeline

23 June 2016 – Referendum - UK votes to leave EU

31 January 2020 – UK leaves European Union



Brexit - Patents

The relevant Patent Offices are not EU institutions

- European Patent Office
 - WIPO
 - UK Intellectual Property Office
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- No significant effect on EPC
 - EP patent applications can still be filed at EPO and cover same European territories including the UK

Brexit – Community Trademarks/Designs

Managed by European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)

Pan-European IP Rights

- Community Trademarks
- Community Registered Design Right (like Design patents in US)

Holders of existing Community IP rights were granted comparable UK IP rights

Representation - Post Brexit – UK attorneys lost representation at EUIPO

- A+I - Have opened office in Delft, NL
- Have EU attorneys based in NL for EU TM and Designs work

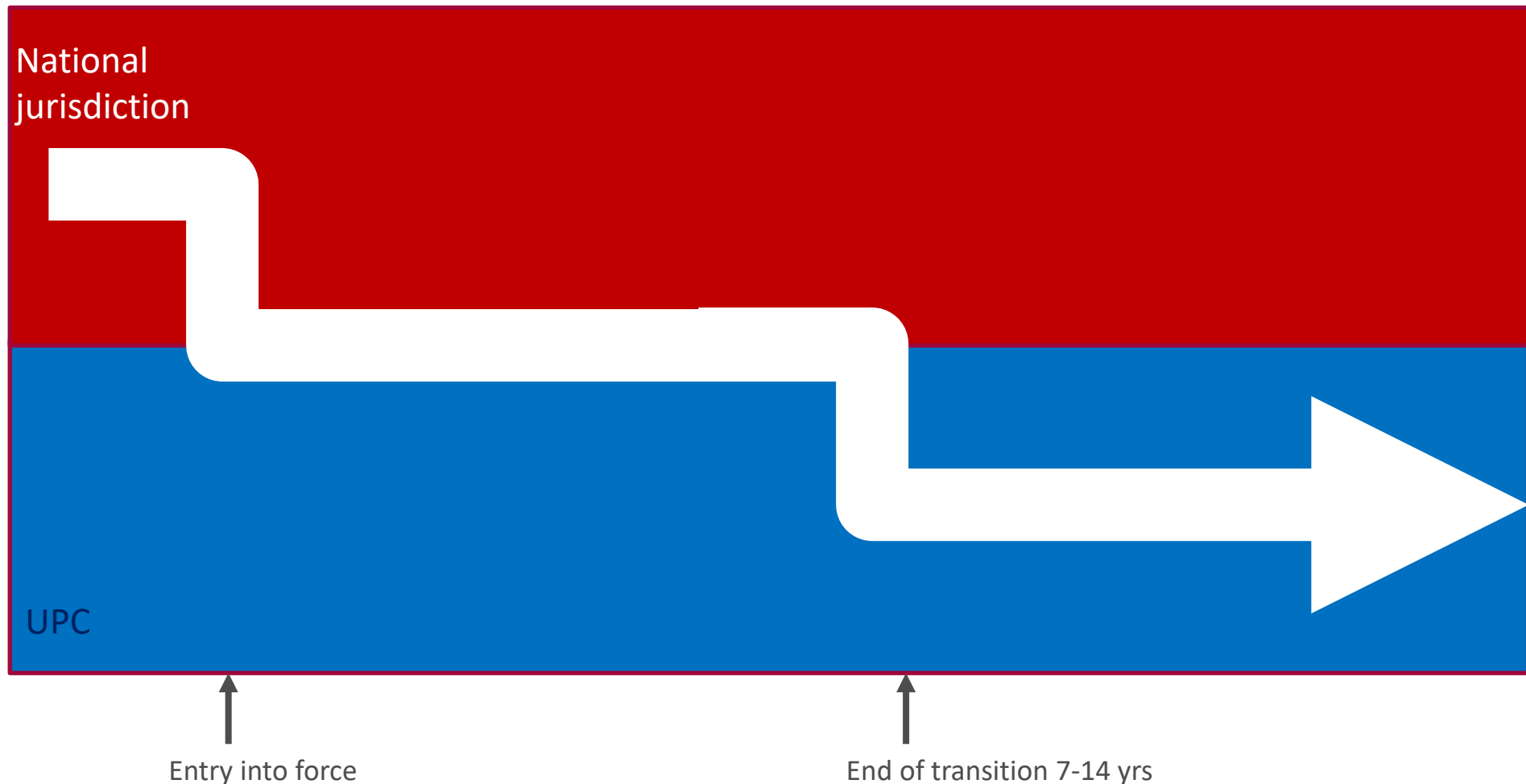
UPC - Unitary Patent and Unified Patent Court

- + Two prongs
 - A single court for EU
 - A unitary patent right across EU

An EU initiative – for several decades!

- + Expected late 2022/2023-ish
- + Only a subset (27/38) of EPC contracting states are in the EU
- + UK not able to take part since Brexit
- + Separate UK patent required

Existing portfolio if you do nothing



LUIS DRESCHER

Improved Galvanic Cell and Cell-Cover for Electro Magnetic Instruments

117057

PATENTED JUL 18 1871

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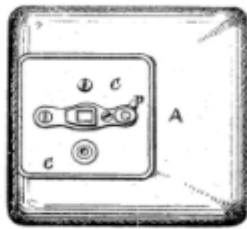
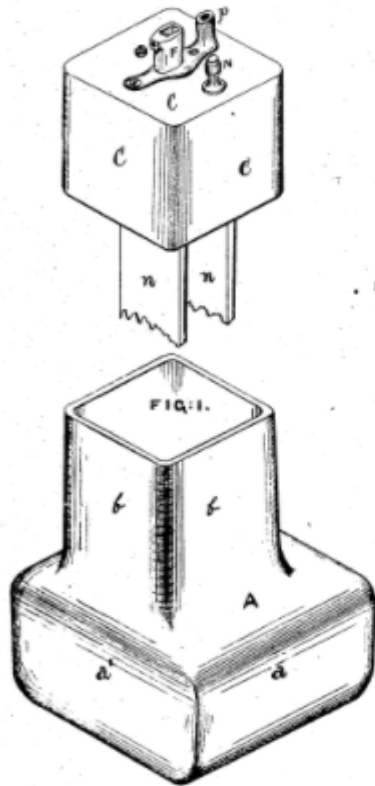
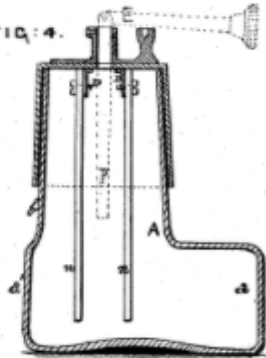


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WITNESSES
H. H. Young
Ewell & Dick

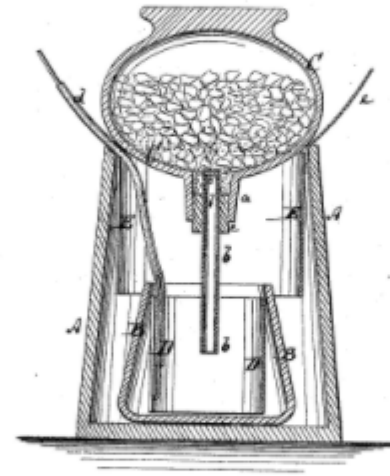
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Improvement in Electric Battery.

No. 119,763.

Patented Oct. 10, 1871.



Witnesses:

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