Cross-Border Strategies in China for Patent Enforcement

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<u>Myth</u>

Global Patents?

any geography limits for patents?

 Filing US patents help enforcing IP in China?

Strategies

8 years 2011-2019

Preventive measure

Reactive measure



Preventive measure

8 years 2011-2019

- I. File Multiple Chinese Patents
- II. Choose partners carefully
- III. Bi-lingual engagement letter
- IV. Online and offline counterfeit



File Chinese Patents

8 years 2011-2019

Via PCT

Via Paris Convention

- Need translation
- Prosecution: 3-6 years
- Grant/search system, not registration system

Allowance/Issuance

8 years 2011-2019

- Last chance to fix a number of issues
 - Notice provides a checklist
 - Attorney's checklist if accessible





Reactive measure

8 years 2011-2019

Cease and Desist Letter

- II. file patent infringement law suit
- III. Work with local gov't
- IV. Work with customs



Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China

- http://english.sipo.gov.cn/
- SIPO----CNIPA (Chinese National Intellectual Property Admin)
- Free patent and publication searching
- All the laws, rules, and regulations
- Statistics, papers, presentations, etc.

Where?

8 years 201<u>1-2019</u>

www.uspto.gov

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- The Examiner's bible is the MPEP (Manual of Patent Examination Procedure)
- File histories from PAIR (Patent Application Information Retrieval) system
 - Free public database
 - http://portal.uspto.gov/external/portal/pair
 - Generally from patents 6,700,000 (filed 2004) to the present
- Otherwise, order older file histories from an IP support co.
- Other private databases (Lexis)

Questions?

Thank you for your time.

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