



# Presidium

---

## Decision regarding the Dress Code of the Unified Patent Court

Decision of 27 May 2024 amending the decision of 4 April 2023

## **DECISION OF THE PRESIDIUM**

By decision of 27 May 2024, the Presidium amended the decision on the Official Attire in the Unified Patent Court of 4 April 2023, which entered into force on 1 June 2023, by adding the following paragraph to Article 2.

If a European Patent Attorney pursuant to Article 48(2) of the Agreement is also a Patent Attorney authorized to practise before a court of a Contracting Member State, he/she may wear the official attire prescribed for him/her in the court of that Contracting Member State instead of the attire prescribed for him/her by the European Patent Office.

This amendment will enter into force on 24 June 2024.

Done on 19 June 2024

For the Presidium

Signed Dr Klaus Grabinski

The Chairman

CONSOLIDATED VERSION OF THE DECISION OF THE PRESIDIUM OF 4 APRIL 2023 AS AMENDED BY THE  
DECISION OF THE PRESIDIUM OF 27 MAY 2024

THE PRESIDIUM,

HAVING REGARD to Article 15 (3) of the Statute of the Unified Patent Court,

Has adopted the following decision regarding the official attire in the Unified Patent Court:

**Article 1**

During sessions designated for oral proceedings and pronouncement of decisions, the judges of the Court of First Instance shall wear a robe having the appearance as shown and described in Annex I and the judges of the Court of Appeal shall wear a robe having the appearance as shown and described in Annex II. Underneath the robe, male judges shall wear a white shirt with a white tie and female judges shall wear a white shirt, if desired with a white scarf. The robes shall be purchased and managed by the Unified Patent Court and shall remain its property.

**Article 2<sup>1</sup>**

During sessions designated for oral proceedings and pronouncement of decisions, a Representative of the parties shall wear,

- (a) if he/she is a lawyer pursuant to Article 48(1) of the Agreement: the official attire prescribed for him/her in the courts of his/her Contracting State, in case such an attire exists in the Contracting State concerned;
- (b) if he/she is a European Patent Attorney pursuant to Article 48(2) of the Agreement: the attire prescribed for him/her by the European Patent Office;
- (c) if no official attire exists or no attire is prescribed as meant in this Article under (a) or (b) business attire.

If a European Patent Attorney pursuant to Article 48(2) of the Agreement is also a Patent Attorney authorized to practise before a court of a Contracting Member State, he/she may wear the official attire prescribed for him/her in the court of that Contracting Member State instead of the attire prescribed for him/her by the European Patent Office.

**Article 3**

During sessions designated for oral proceedings and pronouncement of decisions, patent attorneys pursuant to Article 48(4) of the Agreement, representatives of the parties, as well as party experts and witnesses shall wear business attire.

---

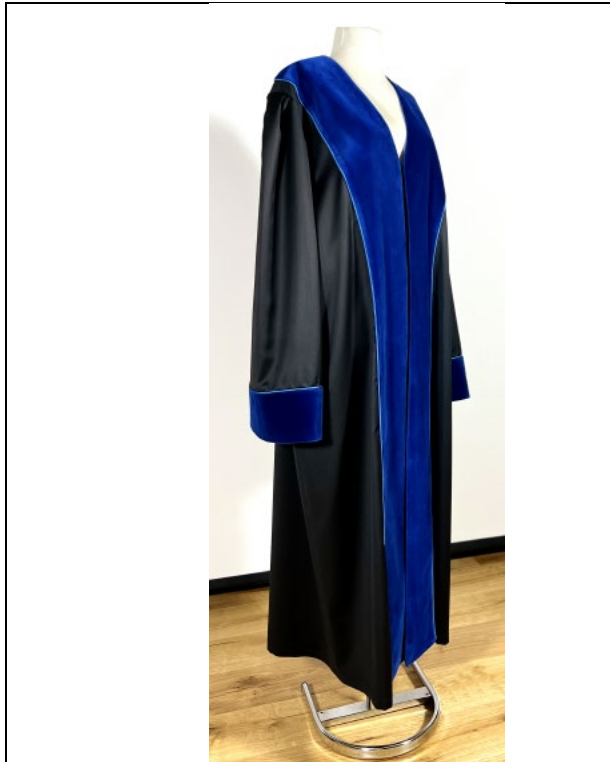
<sup>1</sup> Amended by Decision of the Presidium dated 27 May 2024, which enters into force on 24 June 2024.

**Article 4**

The presiding judge may allow exemptions from the requirements as laid down in Articles 1 to 3 when appropriate.

This Decision is adopted on 4 April 2023 and shall enter into force on 1 June 2023.

Annex I



outer fabric in black, 100% ultra fine MERINO virgin wool

trim on sleeves and lapels in dark blue, 100% fine cotton velvet

contrasting piping between trim and outer fabric in dark blue

pleating on sleeves and back

sleeves, chest and back lined with paisley royal blue

buttons below concealed button placket

the robes' length is to halfway the lower leg

Annex II



outer fabric in black, 77% MERINO ultra fine virgin wool and 23% silk.

trim on sleeves and lapels in dark blue, 100% fine cotton velvet

contrasting piping between trim and outer fabric in gold

pleating on sleeves and back

sleeves, chest and back lined with paisley royal blue

buttons below concealed button placket

the robes' length is to halfway the lower leg