



Composition of the panels of judges at the Unified Patent Courtⁱ

Panel	No. of Judges		Qualifications	Appointed from	Service	Nationality
	Total	Split				
Court of First Instanceⁱⁱ						
Local Divisionⁱⁱⁱ						
Less than 50 cases per year over three year period	3	1	Legal			National of host Contracting Member State
		2	Legal	Pool of Judges	Case by case	Non-national of host Contracting State
50 or more cases per year over three year period	3	2	Legal			Nationals of host Contracting State
		1	Legal	Pool of Judges	Long term	Non-national of host Contracting State
Regional Divisionⁱⁱⁱ	3	2	Legal	Regional list	Permanent	Nationals of Contracting Member States in region
		1	Legal	Pool of Judges		Non-national of the Contracting States in region
Central Division						
Normal Composition	3	2	Legal			Nationals of different Contracting Member States
		1	Technical	Pool of Judges		
Actions concerning EPO decisions on Admin Tasks under Patent Regulation	3	3	Legal			Nationals of different Contracting Member States
Court of Appeal						
	5	3	Legal			Nationals of different Contracting Member States
		2	Technical			

i Compiled from Articles 8 and 9 of draft UPC agreement

ii Parties may agree to have their case held by a single legally qualified judge

iii A further technically qualified judge can be appointed from the pool of judges to any local or regional panel of the Court of first instance on request of the parties or at the panel's own initiative (Article 8(5))