Proposal for Amendment of the Brussels I-Regulation

The recently reformed Brussels I-Regulation is up for reform: according to a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council (COM(2013) 554 final) of July 26, 2013 the Brussels I-Regulation (Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 (recast)) will be changed to account for the 2012 Unified Patent Court Agreement and the 2012 Protocol to the Benelux Treaty setting up the Benelux Court of Justice.

The proposal aims (1) to clarify that the Unified Patent Court and the Benelux Court of Justice are courts in the meaning of the Brussels I-Regulation, (2) to clarify the rules on jurisdiction, and (3) to define the application of *lis pendens* and related actions with respect to the Unified Patent Court and the Benelux Court of Justice.

The proposal is available here.