

SEMINAR INVITATION

IP in the online environment



On 18 May 2011, Professor Ian Hargreaves published his Review of Intellectual Property and Growth, a report on the performance of the intellectual property framework that was commissioned by the UK Government in November 2010. There will be a programme of two seminars on Wednesday 28th September and Wednesday 26th October 2011 to consider current intellectual property (IP) issues in the online environment and the issues raised in the Review.

Copyright

One of the main conclusions of the Review is that the copyright regime is in need of updating. Professor Hargreaves made several recommendations in relation to copyright, including the idea of a digital copyright exchange to facilitate copyright licensing and the modernisation of various legal exceptions with a view to permitting the use of copyrighted works for certain activities, such as text and data mining. The Review also advocates the modernisation and strengthening of the system for enforcement of rights, including the prompt implementation of the measures set out in the Digital Economy Act.

Patents

A theme in the Report is that 'patent thickets' in high tech areas such as ICT obstruct innovation. Professor Hargreaves concludes that the problem of thickets leads to a diminution of the effectiveness of the patent system to incentivise innovation, although he concludes that there is no single solution to the problem of thickets. He comes out strongly against the extension of patents into sectors such as non-technical computer programs and business methods.

The Seminar Programme

Wednesday 28 September, 4-6 pm – Copyright issues

Chair: Dr Duncan Curley (Director, Innovate Legal)

Speakers:

Ed Baden-Powell (Partner, Michael Simkins LLP)
Trevor Cook (Partner, Bird & Bird)
Meg Davis (Literary Agent, Ki Agency Limited)
Linda Royles (Consultant, Member of the British Copyright Council)
Susie Winter (Director General, Alliance Against IP Theft)

Wednesday 26 October, 4-6 pm – Patent issues

Chair: Dr Duncan Curley (Director, Innovate Legal)

Speakers:

Tim Frain (Director, IP Regulatory Affairs, Nokia)
Dan Hermele (Director, IPR and Licensing, Qualcomm Europe)
Heather McCann (Partner, EIP)
Matthew Lawman (Partner, EIP)
Eric Raciti (Partner, Finnegan, Henderson)

CPD accreditation has been applied for.

Venue: Innovate Legal, 107 Fleet Street, London EC4A 2AB.

Registration will be at 3.30pm, with each seminar beginning promptly at 4.00pm.

Each seminar will conclude at 6.00pm followed by a Q&A session.

Drinks will then be available until 7.30 pm.

Registration and Payment

Registration is £50.00 per seminar or £75.00 for both (inclusive of VAT @ 20.0%).

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