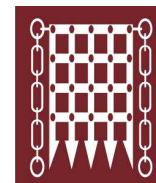


**Westminster Legal Policy Forum Keynote Seminar:
The future for the UK's patent framework**
Timing: Morning, Thursday, 2nd February 2017
Venue: The Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, London SW1X 7DR



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Bowles of Berkhamsted
- 9.05 - 9.25 **Patent law - current context and emerging priorities post-Brexit**
Dr Luke McDonagh, Lecturer, School of Law, City, University of London
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 - 9.35 **The UK Patent Box - latest thinking on the regime, and the implications for patent registration**
Dr David Harris, Senior Policy Advisor, HMRC
- 9.35 - 10.30 **Patents in the UK: assessing the effectiveness of current structures, and options ahead for facilitating innovation**
Following the introduction of the Intellectual Property (IP) (Unjustified Threats) Bill, which seeks to clarify the situations in which counter-claims can be made against IP holders who contact other parties regarding potential infringement, what challenges remain for ensuring an effective framework for patent infringement proceedings? For example, under the Bill's new measures what uncertainties might remain around the interpretation of what amounts to an unjustified threat, and to what extent will it strike an appropriate balance between preventing the misuse of threats to distort competition, whilst also maintaining the ability of rights holders to protect their IP? Could recent changes to the UK's IPO procedures and rules, which seek to reduce administrative burdens for patent applicants and owners, promote patent registration among UK firms - particularly in the case of SMEs - and should the IPO consider a reduction in registration fees, as has been implemented for design rights? Following the implementation of a revised UK Patent Box this summer, how will the schemes new design - which includes greater tax reductions for those that have spent more on development, rather than buying IP or subcontracting R&D - impact upon overall uptake and the incentive for firms to commercialise patents in the UK?
Ian Wood, Head of Intellectual Property, Charles Russell Speechlys
Francis Tierney, Senior Patent Director, AstraZeneca
Elizabeth Bain, IP and Licensing Manager, Science and Technology Facilities Council
Dr Tony Raven, Chief Executive, Cambridge Enterprise, University of Cambridge
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr David Harris**, Senior Policy Advisor, HMRC
- 10.30 - 10.55 **The Intellectual Property Enterprise Court and the domestic legal framework - latest thinking on practice and procedures**
His Honour Judge Hacon, Presiding Judge, Intellectual Property Enterprise Court
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Bowles of Berkhamsted
- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee
- 11.30 - 11.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Dr Luke McDonagh, Lecturer, School of Law, City, University of London
- 11.35 - 12.25 **European patent law and the unitary patent package - challenges and opportunities for the UK**
Following the EU referendum result, what are the emerging priorities for the UK's future relationship with European patent law, particularly in relation to membership of the forthcoming Unitary Patent Package? What challenges and opportunities might Brexit present for UK stakeholders when seeking pan-European and international patent protection in the future, and how might it impact on the UK's attractiveness as a jurisdiction for cross-border disputes?
Kevin Mooney, Partner, Simmons & Simmons; Chairman, Drafting Committee of the Rules of Procedure for the Unified Patent Court (UPC) and Member, UPC Expert Group
Tim Frain, Director, IP Regulatory, Legal & Intellectual Property, Nokia
Tony Rollins, President, The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys
Matt McBrien, Head of Patents, BAE Systems
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **The future for European and international patent policy and harmonisation**
Dr Margot Fröhlinger, Principal Director of Patent Law and Multilateral Affairs, European Patent Office
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Dr Luke McDonagh, Lecturer, School of Law, City, University of London
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Legal Policy Forum