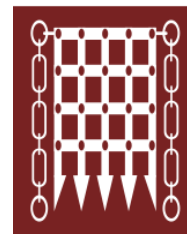


Westminster Legal Policy Forum and Westminster Media Forum conference:

The future for intellectual property in the UK

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 8th January 2026

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
The Earl of Devon, Member, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Intellectual Property
- 9.05 **Strategic direction for intellectual property policy and regulation in the UK**
Adam Williams, CEO, Intellectual Property Office
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Emerging thinking from the Government's forthcoming progress report on AI and copyright**
Senior representative, policy
- 9.45 **Next steps for copyright protection in the UK - balancing rights protection, innovation, and transparency**
stakeholder views on the interim AI copyright report and economic impact assessment / options for licensing frameworks for AI training / assessing the economic impact on the creative industries / priorities for remuneration and options for collective licensing models / oversight and availability of public data for AI training / liability and authorship of AI-generated works
Christian Zimmermann, CEO, Design and Artists Copyright Society
Senior representative, rights holders
Senior representative, artificial intelligence
Senior representative, legal
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Priorities for the UK designs framework**
Professor Uma Suthersanen, Professor, Global Intellectual Property Law, Queen Mary University of London
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
The Earl of Devon, Member, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Intellectual Property
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.25 **The role of patents in supporting growth and driving business innovation**
Dr Bobby Mukherjee, Chief Counsel, IP and Technology Law, BAE Systems; and President, Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys
- 11.35 **Options for improving the standard essential patent licensing ecosystem**
Senior commentator
- 11.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 **Next steps for enforcement and tackling intellectual property crime**
role of privatised justice and alternative enforcement models / priorities for tackling patent mills, fraudulent claims, and counterfeit goods / interplay with Trading Standards / next steps for international cooperation on enforcement / the role of online evidence and social media in IP disputes / options for cost-effective deterrence
Cassandra Hill, Partner, Mishcon de Reya
Senior representative, enforcement
Senior representative, anti-counterfeiting
Senior representative, online platform
- 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Forum Projects closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Thomas Howard, Westminster Forum Projects