

Royal Society of Chemistry Law Group's
IP Case Law

Thursday, 28th November 2013
The Chemistry Centre, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London

Chairman and Organiser: Alex Rogers, Patent Attorney, Haseltine Lake LLP

Synopsis

Our annual and highly popular seminar will focus on recent high profile patent law developments in the UK, Europe and the US in the field of chemistry and pharmaceuticals. The seminar will be held at the RSC's offices at Burlington House and will be chaired by Alex Rogers, Patent Attorney, Haseltine Lake LLP. Registration will open at 1.00 pm.

We will be delighted to have six excellent speakers who are able to provide us with a real insight into the legal and technical issues.

Speakers

Joseph Lenthall, Patent Attorney, Mewburn Ellis LLP
Graham Burnett-Hall, Partner, Marks & Clerk Solicitors
Stuart Jackson, Partner, Kempner and Partners
Jennifer Harris, Partner, Kilburn & Strode LLP
Leythem Wall, Associate, Finnegan Europe LLP
Don Lewis, Partner, Lewis Kohn & Fitzwilliam LLP

Cost: £75 for members, £90 for non-members, £50 for RSC student-members.

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Speaker Biographies

Alex Rogers

Alex gained a Chemistry degree from Oxford University, which involved a final year working for Professor Steve Davies devising new synthetic routes to certain amino acids. Alex is now a partner and patent attorney at the firm Haseltine Lake. Alex drafts and prosecutes UK and European patent applications in the chemical field, with a particular emphasis on pharmaceuticals and medical technologies. He also works on European Opposition and Appeal cases. Alex's clients include a number of universities, high-technology SMEs and multi-national companies.

Joseph Lenthall

Joseph gained a Chemistry degree from Durham University. During and after his degree, Joseph gained experience of IP law by working for the technology transfer offices of Oxford University and the Medical Research Council. Joseph returned to Durham University to complete a Ph.D. working on selective recovery of platinum group metal catalysts from mixed metal solutions (sponsored by BP Chemicals). Joseph is now a European and UK patent attorney at the firm Mewburn Ellis LLP. Joseph drafts and prosecutes UK and European patent applications, with an emphasis on pharmaceuticals and polymers.

Graham Burnett-Hall

Graham studied chemistry at Oxford University and is now a partner in the specialist intellectual property law firm Marks & Clerk Solicitors LLP. He advises on all aspects of intellectual property law, with a particular emphasis on patent litigation and dispute resolution in areas with a high level of scientific or technical content. He advises clients in a wide range of fields, including the chemicals, biotechnology, medical, electronics and TMT sectors. Graham's patent work has included cases on pharmaceutical formulations, insulin-like growth factors and binding proteins, single chain antibodies, stent valves and occluders, wound dressings and artificial sweeteners. His cases include leading authorities on priority rights and contributory patent infringement. He also conducts proceedings relating to other IPRs, such as trade marks, designs, trade secrets and confidential information, as well as advising on commercial and transactional matters.

Stuart Jackson

Stuart Jackson gained a degree in Chemistry from Imperial College, after which he pursued research at Oxford involving enzyme mechanisms. After a few years in the brewing industry, he subsequently spent 15 years as a chemist and project manager in the health care industry, principally in the field of wound healing. He qualified as a solicitor in 1996, and now specialises in intellectual property law, particularly patent law, undertaking both litigation and non-contentious work such as licensing.

Jennifer Harris

Jennifer gained a Double Honours degree in Chemistry and Biochemistry from the University of Southampton, and during the course of her degree spent time gaining practical experience in the areas of medicinal and combinatorial chemistry at BioFocus. Since 2001 she has been working in the patent profession, qualifying as both a UK and European Patent Attorney in 2005 and working with Kilburn & Strode LLP since 2006. Jennifer's practice focusses on the drafting and prosecution of patent applications before the EPO, UKIPO and worldwide, representing clients in hearings at the EPO and providing infringement and validity opinions. She works with companies ranging from start-ups and university technology transfer offices to multinational companies. Her work has a particular emphasis on pharmaceuticals, but she also works in many diverse areas of chemistry, including glass, ceramic and composite material technology and process chemistry.

Leythem Wall

Leythem has a degree in Chemistry from Oxford University, which involved a final year working for Professor Peter Edwards FRS investigating the dielectric catastrophe in high temperature superconducting systems. Having trained as a patent attorney in the Biotechnology and Chemical departments of a private practice in London, he was in-house intellectual property counsel for a large multinational company and is based in Brussels, Belgium. Leythem is a Chartered UK Patent Attorney, a European Patent Attorney and a European Trademark and Design Attorney. He specialises in patent drafting, prosecution as well as Oppositions and Appeals, including representation in Oral Proceedings before the European Patent Office in Munich and The Hague.

Don Lewis

Don Lewis is a partner with Lewis Kohn & Fitzwilliam, LLP, a San Diego law firm specializing in issues relating to technology and innovation. Don has law degrees from both the US and the UK and is a practising attorney-at-law in California. He is also licensed to practise before both the USPTO and the Canadian IPO. He is admitted to the WIPO roster of arbitration neutrals and remains on the Law Society Roll as a non-practising solicitor. He was a founding member of the American Chemical Society (ACS) Division of Chemistry and the Law (CHAL) and helped found the RSC Law Group, which he presently chairs. He has a PhD in biophysics and was elected a Fellow of the RSC, in part, for his contributions to the early development of Click Chemistry.

Programme

13:00 - 13:30	Registration
13:30 - 14:00	<i>Some pitfalls of amending composition claims at the EPO</i> Joseph Lenthall, Patent Attorney, Mewburn Ellis LLP
14:00 - 14:30	<i>Fuzzy boundaries and infringement; plus the use of post-publication evidence. The law following Generics [UK] v Yeda and Teva</i> Graham Burnett-Hall, Partner, Marks & Clerk Solicitors
14:30 - 15:00	<i>When it isn't game over. Subsequent revocation of patents previously held valid and infringed - Virgin Atlantic v Zodiac</i> Stuart Jackson, Partner, Kempner and Partners
15:00 - 15:30	Refreshment break
15:30 - 16:00	<i>A year at the EPO - Board of Appeal review</i> Jennifer Harris, Partner, Kilburn & Strode LLP
16:00 - 16:30	<i>Unitary Patent Plan Beta - update on case law across Europe</i> Leythem Wall, Patent Attorney
16:30 - 17:00	<i>Recent chemistry cases in the US</i> Don Lewis, Partner, Lewis Kohn & Fitzwilliam LLP
17:00 - 18:00	Drinks reception