

Speakers

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 UK patent attorney at the firm Mewburn Ellis LLP. Joseph assists in the drafting and prosecution of UK and European patent applications, with an emphasis on pharmaceuticals and polymers.

Will James

Will gained a post-graduate degree in Developmental Neuroscience from Oxford University before training and qualifying as a solicitor. He is a partner at Marks & Clerk Solicitors and specialises in all aspects of IP law with a particular focus on patent litigation and dispute resolution, especially in complex areas of technology in the biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, medical devices and electronics sectors. Will also has, unusually, particular expertise in employee inventor compensation litigation and contentious plant varieties issues. Will has advised at all judicial levels from litigation in the Supreme Court to the UKIPO and, as an active solicitor advocate, has acted for clients in place of a junior barrister in High Court trials.

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 central London, he is now in-house intellectual property counsel for ExxonMobil Chemical Europe 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.