

Patents for Chemists: Protecting your invention

Following on from their 2020 “Introduction to Patents” webinar, Abel + Imray will be hosting a “Patents for Chemists” webinar with details of some further key considerations to keep in mind when you want to protect your ideas.

Obtaining adequate protection for your ideas from an early stage is crucial in order for you to get maximum benefit from your invention. However, there are many aspects to consider. For example, who actually owns the invention? What is the best strategy for protecting your idea? And, how can patent rights be exploited to benefit a business?

This webinar will include a brief recap on what a patent is, why patents are relevant to you, as a chemist, and how you go about patenting an invention, and this time have a particular emphasis on who should be identified as an ‘inventor’, who ‘owns’ a patent application, and practical considerations for exploiting and licensing patented inventions.

To view a recording of the 2020 “Introduction to Patents” webinar held by Abel + Imray and hosted by the RSC, please follow the [link](#).

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Speakers

Dr Tom Turner

Tom is a European and Chartered UK Patent Attorney and a Partner at Abel + Imray. Tom obtained a M. Chem. from the University of Durham, followed by a PhD from the University of Bristol. Tom’s PhD research was in collaboration with Lucite International, and involved the development of new phosphine ligands for use with homogeneous palladium catalysts in industrial chemistry.

Tom’s work on patents relates mostly to industrial chemistry, with a special focus on polymers, reactor technology, homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysis, and petrochemical processing. He is involved in drafting, prosecution and opposition work in the UK and Europe, and management of client portfolios around the world (including in particular other countries in Europe, the US, Australia and Canada). Tom regularly provides Freedom to Operate advice, coordinating searches for conflicting rights, reviewing UK and European patents and working with local attorneys to provide robust and pragmatic guidance. Tom’s clients range in size from multinational chemical corporations to small start-ups, based in the UK and across Europe.

Dr Katy Pellow

Katy joined Abel + Imray in 2018 as a trainee Patent Attorney. Katy obtained a M. Chem. from Cardiff University before carrying out her PhD studies at the University of Bristol through the Chemical Synthesis Centre for Doctoral Training. During her PhD research, Katy developed transition metal catalysts for upgrading bioethanol to biobutanol, providing a sustainable route to advanced biofuel production.

Katy’s patent work is mainly in the chemical field with a particular focus on industrial chemistry including petrochemical processing, lubricants, zeolites and polymers. Her work also encompasses pharmaceuticals, materials and formulation chemistry. Her day to day work covers patent drafting, prosecution and Freedom to Operate advice.