

Royal Society of Chemistry Law Group
**Seminar on a Review of
Recent IP Case Law**

Tuesday, 29th November 2011
Burlington House, Piccadilly, London

This seminar will focus on recent high profile patent law developments in the UK, Europe and the US relevant to the field of chemistry. 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 1:00pm.

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

- 1:00-1:30 Registration with refreshments**
- 1:30-2:00 A review of disclaimers at the EPO in light of Enlarged Board of Appeal decision G2/10**
Joseph Lenthall, Patent Attorney, Mewburn Ellis LLP
- 2:00-2:30 The Supreme Court decision in *Lilly v. HGS* - good for biotech and the wider picture**
Will James, Partner, Marks & Clerk Solicitors LLP
- 2:30-3:00 More on enantiomers**
Stuart Jackson, Partner, Kempner and Partners
- 3:00-3:30 Refreshment break**
- 3:30-4:00 An update on SPCs**
Jennifer Harris, Patent Attorney, Kilburn & Strode LLP
- 4:00-4:30 Europe divided – update on national case law in Europe**
Leythem Wall, Patent Attorney, ExxonMobil Chemical Europe
- 4:30-5:00 Developments in the US**
Don Lewis, US Patent Attorney, Lewis Kohn & Fitzwilliam LLP
- 5:00-6:00 Drinks reception**

The cost for attending the seminar is £60 for RSC members and £75 for non-RSC members.

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Speakers

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 UK and European patent attorney at the firm Haseltine Lake. Alex drafts and prosecutes UK and European patent applications, with a particular emphasis on pharmaceuticals and medical technologies. He also works on European Opposition cases. Alex's clients include a number of universities and high-technology SMEs.

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, FRSC

Don Lewis is Immediate Past Chair of the RSC Law Group. He is an IP litigator with the San Diego firm of Lewis Kohn & Fitzwilliam, LLP.