

An Update from the Director on the Work of the Institute – June 2009



IPI Looks to Extend Research Partnership

The Institute is issuing a Call for Research Partnership, aimed at researchers in the IP field here and abroad. Although our 25 year history of conducting research has given us extensive links with the academic community, we are always looking to broaden our research networks and bring our knowledge and expertise to bear as widely as possible

The attached note explains what we aim to do, and how we might best support, and add value to research efforts across the whole of the IP spectrum. Over the coming days I will be trying to distribute this as widely as possible throughout the research community: it would be extremely helpful if you would pass on my note, and the attached feedback form, to all of your contacts who might be interested in working with us. Naturally, if you have any comments or questions about this initiative, please contact me directly: ipi@ip-institute.org.uk . **[Please find link on home page (CALL FOR RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP) for the relevant attachments]**

Trade Mark Dilution: Bringing Blurring into Focus

Dev Gangjee (LSE) set out an extremely interesting examination of the *Intel* decision and its likely fallout at an IPI seminar held on 13th May. Dev's presentation is available from the IPI web site: <http://www.ip-institute.org.uk/>

Chicken Nuggets: Re-Reading Faccenda Chicken vs. Fowler

Lionel Bently, (Cambridge) reviewed the criticisms of this landmark, controversial trade secrets case, and provided a different reading to help resolve the issues that surround it, at an Institute seminar held on 28th May. Lionel's presentation is available from the web site: <http://www.ip-institute.org.uk/>

Forthcoming Events

The Blackberry case (NTP v RIM): how NTP got \$12.5 million

18th June: James Wallace (Wiley Rein LLP) will provide insight to the litigation strategies behind one of the largest recoveries in US patent litigation history. **The Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Jacob** will chair the seminar, hosted by Collyer Bristow LLP. For details and registration, please contact Anne Goldstein: anegoldstein@btconnect.com

The Impact of DRM on Access to Exceptions: the First Empirical Assessment

1st July: Patricia Akester (Cambridge) will be talking about a project she has undertaken looking at the impact of technological measures on the ability of users to take advantage of certain statutory exceptions to copyright. The seminar will be hosted by McDermott Will & Emery, and **Jeremy Phillips** will chair the proceedings. For details and registration, please contact Anne Goldstein: annegoldstein@btconnect.com

What's New in the IPQ

The current issue of the IP Quarterly includes **David Vaver's 2008 Stephen Stewart Lecture** "Reforming Intellectual Property Law: an Obvious and Not-So-Obvious Agenda".

Also in this issue are the following leading papers:

- **Ng-Loy Wee Loon**, on "Exploring Flexibilities within the Global IP Standards"
- **Djims Milius**, on "Justifying Intellectual Property in Traditional Knowledge"
- **P. Sean Morris**, on "Patent Licensing and No-Challenge Clauses: A Thin Line between Article 81 EC Treaty and the New Technology Transfer Block Exemption Regulation"
- **Yona Marinova**, on "The European Court of Justice on External Parallel Trade: Interpreting the Law or Constructing an Implied Trade Mark Infringement"

What's New with You?

We are always keen to understand what IP issues are to the fore among our members so that we can work to address them, either through research or our seminar programme. Please contact us to let us know if there is anything specific from your point of view; we will help in any way we can.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

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