UCL Institute of Brand & Innovation Law

IP Transactions: Law and Practice

A five-day online course for IP Practitioners
8 - 12 November 2021
Drafting, negotiating, interpreting and advising on intellectual property (IP) agreements requires a special set of legal skills. In addition to understanding relevant provisions of IP law, practitioners need to be familiar with a wide range of commercial law subjects, including personal property, contracts, competition, insolvency, tax, employment, and various areas of regulation, such as data protection and export controls. To advise effectively on IP transactions, it is also necessary to be aware of commercial practice in the relevant industry sector.

The mix of legal and practice issues that transactional IP lawyers face can be very different from those experienced by IP litigators or general company/commercial lawyers. Understandably, traditional IP law courses focus on a wide range of IP issues such as subsistence, validity, infringement and enforcement, and spend relatively little time on transactional aspects. Commercial law courses may use examples from the field of IP transactions, but tend not to focus exclusively on this area.

Our course has been designed to focus on the legal and practice issues that are directly relevant to transactional IP practitioners.

The course has a strong focus on the needs of practitioners who are in the early stages of a career in IP transactions. We have assumed that most people attending it will be qualified English solicitors and barristers, typically with between zero and two years’ post-qualification experience, although more experienced practitioners are welcome. Other IP practitioners, including patent attorneys, trade mark attorneys and licensing executives, will find the course useful, provided they have an understanding of the basic elements of contract law and IP law, and have had some exposure to IP transactions. Overseas practising lawyers who wish to learn more about English law in this area, are also welcome.
The legal aspects of the course focus on English law. We recognise that many IP transactions are international, and that practitioners often have to consider questions of non-English law, in consultation with overseas colleagues. For this reason, we have included a session on dispute resolution, including choice of law and jurisdiction and, in other sessions, we make occasional reference to differences under other systems of law. At the same time, we intend to avoid diluting the usefulness of the legal content by making it generically “international”.

There are no formal entry requirements for the course, but it is designed for IP practitioners as described above. Applicants will be asked to provide a short CV that demonstrates their suitability for entry on the course, including that they are in legal practice in the IP field, and a short personal statement that indicates what they hope to achieve from attending it. We reserve the right to reject any application.

If the course is oversubscribed, we also reserve the right to select the students that we consider to be most suitable.

Learning Hours
29 learning hours

“I think it was pitched well for both those who may be working in a certain area and those who are not.”

“The course was really fantastic and I thoroughly enjoyed it.”

“I will thoroughly recommend this course to others in the future, including future IP lawyers at my firm.”

“I had a fabulous time and took plenty away with me that I have used.”

“I thought the organisation, course materials, quality of speakers and facilities were all excellent, many thanks!”

“I found it a very useful course and the course material a great reference guide.”

UCL Provosts Teaching Award 2014: CPD & Short Course Winner
Course director

Mark Anderson
Managing Partner, Anderson Law LLP
Visiting Professor, UCL Faculty of Laws

Author of
Technology Transfer (Bloomsbury, 4th edition, 2019)
Drafting Agreements in the Biotechnology and
Pharmaceutical Industries (Oxford University Press, loose-leaf)
Drafting Confidentiality Agreements (Law Society Publishing, 3rd edn, 2014) and other texts on commercial and IP transactions
Founder of the IP Draughts blog:
www.ipdraughts.wordpress.com

Highly recommended for UK patent licensing by IAM Patent 1000
– Guide to the World’s Patent Practitioners

Anderson Law LLP is ranked as a national leader in IP law by
Chambers Directory, and Mark is ranked for both IP and Life Sciences.

Certified Licensing Professional™ and Registered
Technology Transfer Professional

The Rt Hon Professor Sir Robin Jacob QC
Sir Hugh Laddie Chair of IP Law at UCL
Director of the Institute of Brand and Innovation Law
President of the Licensing Executives Society (UK and Ireland)
**Course tutors**  
This year’s tutors provisionally include:

**Gina Bicknell**, Counsel, Freshfield Bruckhaus Deringer. Gina has 20 years of experience in cross-border technology transactions, including joint ventures, complex licensing and other commercial arrangements, and IP and separation aspects of mergers and acquisitions. She works in many technology areas, but her particular expertise is in the pharmaceutical and chemicals industries. She also advises on IP protection strategies and data privacy matters. Previously, Gina worked at a top tier U.S. law firm, and in technology transfer offices in the U.S. and U.K. Gina also has many years of industry experience from her tenure as patent agent at a Fortune 500 American health care company.

**Michelle Blunt**, Partner, Baker McKenzie. Michelle is experienced in all aspects of commercial and transactional IP. She has significant depth of experience handling IP aspects of M&A transactions. She also regularly assists clients in a wide range of industries with IP advisory work, licensing, R&D and cost-sharing arrangements and regulatory and IP compliance advice. Michelle has a strong interest in tax aspects of intangibles and is a core member of Baker McKenzie’s global taxation of intangibles practice group.

**Toby Crick**, Partner, Bristows LLP. The primary focus of Toby’s work is on technology, communications and outsourcing projects where he has acted on both the client and supplier side in sectors such as financial services, telecommunications and life sciences. Toby also advises on other complex commercial transactions and he has particular expertise on deals involving the use and exploitation of technology and intellectual property.

**John Enser**, Partner, Head of Music, CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP. John provides commercial, regulatory and copyright law advice to clients active in all aspects of the media and communications business, particularly those offering music and audiovisual content via digital platforms. He has been at the forefront of new media developments for nearly 20 years, assisting clients to launch new and innovative services across a range of technologies, delivering originally to TV sets and latterly to PCs, mobile devices, tablets and all other forms of connected device.

**Mark Lubbock**, Partner, Brown Rudnick. Mark is a partner in the IP group in the London office and specialises in the intellectual property, information technology, healthcare, e-commerce, data protection, outsourcing and commercial contracts practice areas.

**Chris Shelley**, Partner, Pennington Manches. Chris is a partner in the Oxford office who specialises in intellectual property and commercial law, and EU and UK competition laws. Chris is particularly known for his work in the life sciences, publishing and engineering sectors, and for universities, research councils and their spin-out companies. Described as ‘outstanding’, Chris is Highly Recommended for patent licensing in IAM 1000: The World’s Leading Patent Practitioners.

**Sally Shorthose**, Partner, Bird & Bird. Sally provides a full range of intellectual property commercial advice and support to her clients, including licensing, partnering and exploitation agreements, research, development and marketing collaborations. She also frequently advises clients on regulatory and ‘freedom to operate’ matters, and manages significant due diligence matters. As a transactional intellectual property lawyer, she provides advice in relation to the protection and exploitation of a full range of IP rights, both in stand-alone transactions and as part of an acquisition, divestment or investment activity.

**Tim Worden**, Partner, Taylor Wessing. Tim is a partner in the firm’s IP/IT group, based in Cambridge. He heads the UK Life Sciences Regulatory group. He regularly advises on licensing and partnering deals, R&D agreements, clinical trials agreements and a broad spectrum of regulatory matters. His expertise also includes advising on the IP and regulatory aspects of M&A transactions and venture capital investments. Tim also advises a range of technology companies on their technology licensing and commercial agreements.
Each day of the course focuses on a different market or practice area, provides instruction on legal and commercial topics that are relevant to IP transactions in that area, and gives an introduction to the IP agreements that are encountered.

The topics covered include IP aspects of mergers and acquisitions, information technology contracts, agreements in the life sciences sector, contracts with universities and government bodies, and agreements in the media and consumer goods sectors.

The course as a whole is designed to cover all the main types of IP (including patents, copyright, database rights, registered and unregistered designs, trade marks and confidential information), the main types of IP transaction (including licensing, assignment, sale of IP products, and IP aspects of corporate transactions), and various areas of commercial law that affect all kinds of IP transactions (including competition law, insolvency and tax).

A reading list is provided in advance of the course, so that students can start the course with a core knowledge of relevant IP and contract subjects.

An important aspect of the course is that it is both academically rigorous – to the standards that one would expect from a leading UK law faculty – and, at the same time, very practical in its focus.

Each day of the course includes:

- Lectures on the law. Each lecture is delivered by a lead speaker who is supported by a secondary speaker, who may comment on what the lead speaker is saying, provide examples from their own experience, and generally interact with the lead speaker;
- Discussions on legal and commercial practice, in a similar format to the lectures on the law; and
- Practical workshops in smaller groups, each led by an experienced practitioner, where we look at documents that are encountered in the area under discussion (eg draft agreements and due diligence reports).

The course will be information-rich – it will cover a considerable amount of material in the course of a week – but will also have a social side. We will allocate students to study groups that will have the opportunity, at the end of each day, to discuss the next day’s practical workshops. We also plan to hold an online networking event that will provide students with an opportunity to meet their peers in other firms, and some of the speakers.

Approximately one week after the course finishes, there will be a two-hour exam, which will give students the opportunity to apply the information they have learnt to a selection of practical questions.

Students who complete the course and pass the exam will receive a **Certificate in IP Transactions** from the Institute of Brand and Innovation Law at UCL Faculty of Laws.
Monday 8 November 2021

THEMES:
Confidential information; preliminary agreements; creation of IP; dealing with disputes

Morning
• Legal analysis: confidential information and know-how
• Commercial Practice: preliminary agreements - CDAs, MOUs, term sheets, options, and other preliminary IP agreements
• Legal Analysis: What does this IP document mean, what is its legal effect?

Afternoon
• Legal analysis: ownership of IP and types of IP transactions
• Commercial Practice: commercial joint ventures
• Workshop: academic research and licensing agreements

Tuesday 9 November 2021

THEMES:
M&A; IP due diligence and warranties; IP assignments; novation agreements

Morning
• Legal practice: overview of corporate transactions for the IP lawyer
• Legal analysis: warranties representation and indemnities
• Commercial practice: IP and commercial issues in M&A transactions
• Workshop: reviewing the outcome of due diligence investigations

Afternoon
• Commercial practice: common negotiation issues in IP warranties
• Workshop: negotiating IP warranties
• Legal analysis: Assignments of IP and novation agreements

Wednesday 10 November 2021

THEMES:
Patents; IP licensing; universities and life sciences OR IP Security

Morning
• Commercial practice: analysis of a licence agreement/patents and other rights that protect biological and chemical products
• Workshop: reviewing a patent and know-how licence agreement
• Legal analysis: competition laws and IP transactions

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Stream B:
IP Security
• Legal analysis: Charges and other forms of security over IP
• Practice: Lending against the security of IP assets
• Workshop: Negotiating IP security

Open Session:
• Legal and Commercial Practice: law and jurisdiction, and Q&A session

Thursday 11 November 2021

THEMES:
Software copyright, database rights; ICT sector; IP issues in product supply

Morning
• Legal analysis: IP and quasi-IP that feature in ICT transactions
• Commercial practice: supply and licensing of IT products to a major customer
• Workshop: negotiating a software supply agreement
• Legal and commercial practice: managing IP in standards – risks, benefit, processes

Afternoon
• Legal analysis: other laws affecting ICT – data protection, export controls, anti-bribery, e-commerce
• Commercial practice: open-source licensing
• Legal and commercial practice: IP pooling agreements
• Workshop: negotiation of open-source and domain name issues in the context of an IP-rich corporate transaction

Friday 12 November 2021

THEMES:
Copyright, trade marks, designs; media and consumer goods; content and brand licensing

Morning
• Commercial practice: the media landscape
• Legal analysis: IP rights in media transactions
• Workshop: key clauses to negotiate in media agreements
• Legal analysis: practical tax issues in IP transactions

Afternoon
• Commercial practice: “Dirty little tricks in IP licensing”
• Wrap-up session: similarities and differences in IP transactions across different IP types and industry sectors; questions, answers and general discussion

Monday 29 November

Examination from 10.30 - 12.30am will be held at the course venue.
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09.30 Commercial practice: Analysis of a Licence Agreement/Patents and Other Rights that Protect Biological and Chemical Products
Chris Shelley (Penningtons) and Sally Shorthose (Bird & Bird)

11.00 COMFORT BREAK

11.10 Small Group Workshop: Reviewing a patent and know-how licence agreement
Chris Shelley, Sally Shorthose and Edmund Forey

12:15 COMFORT BREAK

12.20 Legal analysis: Competition Laws and IP Transactions
Edmund Forey (Penningtons)

13.10 Lunch

14:00 STREAM A - UNIVERSITIES
Technology Transfer .... Two sides of the story
Paul Maclennan (&Law)

15.15 Break

15.30 Legal and Commercial Practice: Common Issues affecting the university and tech transfer sector
Stephen Brett (&Law) and Louise Fullwood (Pinsent Masons)

14:00 STREAM B - IP SECURITY
Charles Kerrigan (CMS CMNO)
Legal analysis: charges and other forms of security over IP

14.45 Practice: Lending Against the Security of IP Assets

15.30 Break

15.45 Workshop: negotiating the terms of an IP security

16.30 Law and commercial practice: Law and jurisdiction, and Q&A session
Mark Anderson (&Law)

17:00 Day Three Ends
Overnight: Preparation for next day’s workshops

THURSDAY

09:30 Legal analysis: IP and quasi-IP that feature in ICT Transactions
Adrian Toutoungi (Eversheds-Sutherland)

10:15 COMFORT BREAK

10.25 Commercial practice: Supply and Licensing of IT Products to a Major Customer
Sam De Silva (CMS CMNO)

11.20 BREAK

11.30 Small Group Workshop: Negotiating a software supply agreement
Toby Crick, Sam de Silva and Adrian Toutoungi

12:30 COMFORT BREAK

12.40 Commercial Practice: Cloud deals, licensing rights of use and data protection and other ICT-impacting Regulations in practice
Toby Crick and Sam De Silva

13.10 LUNCH

14.00 Legal Analysis: Other laws affecting ICT: Data protection, export controls, anti-bribery
Toby Crick and Hannah Crowther (Bristows)

14:45 COMFORT BREAK

14.50 Legal and commercial practice: Managing IP in standard - risks, benefit and processes applicable to standard essential patents
Adrian Toutoungi (Taylor Wessing)

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15.45 Commercial practice: Open-Source Licensing
Toby Crick (Bristows)

16.15 Small Group Workshop: Negotiation of Open Source and Domain Name Issues in the Context of an IP-Rich Corporate Transaction
Toby Crick, Adrian Toutoungi, Sam De Silva

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Application Process
Applications should be made using the form online at: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/laws/events/2021/nov/ip-transactions-law-and-practice-2021

Applications should be accompanied by:

1. A CV and the names of two professional referees. We do not ask for original degree certificates to be included, but may ask for them subsequently;
2. A short personal statement indicating what you hope to achieve by attending the course.

The application **deadline is 22 October 2021** or earlier if we are fully booked before that date.

The course fee is £3200, plus VAT

The course fee covers all course materials, tuition and the examination fees.

Discounts are available to firms that either:
   a) sponsor the Institute of Brand and Innovation Law; or
   b) provide speakers for the course
   c) UCL alumni

Fee payment
You will be invoiced for the course fees, for which you will be invoiced in early October, and which must be paid in full by 1 November 2020.

What to send and where to send it
Please return the:
   ▶ completed application form online
   ▶ CV (including the names of two professional referees), and;
   ▶ a short personal statement as to what you hope to achieve by attending the course:

Queries should be made to:
Lisa Penfold
Email: lisa.penfold@ucl.ac.uk