

**CITY OF LONDON LAW SOCIETY (“CLLS”) IP LAW COMMITTEE**  
**(THE “COMMITTEE”)**

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at 6:00pm on 1 July 2025 at the offices of Taylor Wessing, Hill House, 1 Little New Street, EC4A 3TR, London (the “**Meeting**”) hosted by Adam Rendle.

**Present:** David Parrish, CMS (Chair)  
Rachel Anderson, CMS (RA) (Secretary)  
Adam Rendle, Taylor Wessing (AR)  
Morag Macdonald, Bird & Bird (MM)  
Emily Nuttall-Wood, Addleshaw Goddard (ENW)  
Oliver Fairhurst, Lewis Silkin (OF)  
Jonathan Turnbull, Herbert Smith Freehills (JT)

**Apologies:** Huw Evans, Gowling (HE)  
Priya Nagpal, Simmons & Simmons (PN)  
Kevin Hart, CLLS (KH)  
Beverley Potts, A&O Shearman (BP)  
Mike Knapper, Norton Rose Fulbright (MK)  
Caroline Young, Charles Russell Speechlys (CY)  
Jessica Le Gros, Baker McKenzie (JLG)

together, the “**Members**”.

**1. Introductions**

The Chair opened the meeting, and apologies were given from those who were not able to attend.

**2. Minutes from the May meeting**

The Chair asked if the Members had reviewed the minutes of the May meeting that had been circulated. No comments were raised and the minutes were approved for upload to the CLLS website.

**Action** – May meeting minutes to be uploaded to the CLLS IP Committee webpage.

**3. Marks and Designs Forum**

The possibility of participating in the Marks and Designs Forum (“MDF”) had been discussed at previous meetings. ENW expressed an interest in being the liaison for the Committee in this relationship. This would help ensure some kind of consistency in representation.

**Action** – Chair to connect with MDF to begin the Committee’s involvement.

**4. Supporting CITMA**

At the May meeting, it was the collective opinion of the Committee that they should support CITMA in their objectives. The Chair had checked with the CITMA President (Kelly Saliger) that they would appreciate this support. CITMA confirmed it would be in favour. Going forward, the Chair would raise to the Committee any issues that he felt were relevant, and which the Committee may like to help take action on.

## **5. Delays at the Company Names Tribunal**

The Chair made the Committee aware of an opportunity to work with the Law Society's IP Committee to try and address the delays at the Company Names Tribunal. Company name disputes currently follow a protracted process whereby the respondent is given multiple deadlines over a series of months (even where they have not responded), meaning that cases often extend beyond a year.

The Committee agreed that the process could be more efficient, and voted in favour of working with the Law Society's IP Committee to try and minimise these delays.

**Action:** Chair to confirm to the Law Society's IP Committee that we would collaborate with them on this.

## **6. The UPC and UK practitioners - update**

At the May meeting, the Committee decided that one of its objectives would be to revisit the possibility of the UK becoming a signatory to the UPC Agreement. Following the May meeting, the Chair had asked KH for the contact details of the Chair of the Litigation Committee.

**Action:** Chair to provide MM with contact details above.

## **7. Legal privilege and patent attorneys**

At the May meeting, the Committee had discussed the potential expansion of legal privilege for patent attorneys, and the need for further clarity on the subject. HE (who sent his apologies for being unable to attend) had reached out to CIPA and the IP Federation who are also taking action on this. HE would soon send an update on this correspondence, including the draft wording that CIPA had prepared in order to seek clarity on this subject.

## **8. Outward-facing event**

Following previous discussions on the Committee's outward-facing event, which would focus on social mobility amongst junior lawyers, the Chair provided an update on insight given by KH on the events that other committees had organised.

KH had informed the Chair that the following outward-facing events had taken place:

- i. The Commercial Law Committee had run an event on "*life as a commercial lawyer*", which featured high-profile panellists such as the General Counsel of Adidas and senior in-house lawyers from Google;
- ii. The Data Law Committee hosted an "*Evening with the Information Commissioner*" which involved a talk followed by a panel discussion; and
- iii. The Planning and Environmental Law Committee regularly organises for members of the planning inspectorate and other public servants to give presentations, followed by drinks receptions.

AR highlighted that the event would need to take place before the deadlines for the current training contract application cycle, in order to maximise the number of people that would be interested in attending. It was also noted that it would be necessary for the event to offer something different to a number of other events that take place in the applications cycle window. Therefore, taking a social mobility angle or hosting a high-profile speaker from an in-house legal team would be a good idea.

It was highlighted that application deadlines for vacation schemes and training contracts vary from firm-to-firm, with the majority taking place in December or January. Deadline information was not yet available for a number of firms.

**Action:** Timings to be discussed at next meeting after checking application deadlines.

## **9. Next meeting**

It was suggested that the next meeting take place at the end of September following the summer holidays. A poll would be sent round to determine the best date.

The Chair encouraged Committee members to reach out over email during the summer months if they had any relevant updates to share (or if they had any further ideas for the outward-facing event).

## **10. AOB**

ENW pointed out that the INTA 2026 Annual Meeting is taking place in London on 2-6 May 2026, and suggested that the Committee host some kind of event during the conference. The Committee agreed that an event should be organised. Chair to contact KH for input.

**Action:** Chair to contact KH for input. Members to consider ideas for a Committee event to take place at the INTA 2026 Annual Meeting.

No other areas of business were raised. The Chair closed the Meeting.