



Intellectual Property Protecting Rights & Maximising Value

Duration

1 day

What is this course about?

Copyright, trade marks, patents and designs - the core intellectual property rights - provide essential protection for many businesses from computer software to patents for pharmaceuticals, trade mark and domain names to written specifications.

This course provides an intensely practical day's training on the legal IP issues, which matter in practice. You will learn how to seize opportunities and maximise value; how to ensure rights are not lost and those created are protected. From licensing agreements to the rules on technology contracts under UK and EC competition law, this course is pertinent, relevant and up to date. It features clear updates to UK and EC law following Brexit.

The course is delivered by an experienced solicitor and trainer in an interactive way with plenty of opportunities for questions and discussions.

Who would benefit?

Anyone involved in protection of intellectual property including:

- Commercial, marketing and procurement managers and business executives
- Inventors and creators of ideas, business models, projects, music, software and systems
- Anyone involved in research and development
- Media executives
- Patent, IP, trademarks or licensing managers or counsel
- Business development managers
- In-house lawyers



Objectives

For delegates to:

- Understand the legal principles of Intellectual Property Rights
- Understand Intellectual Property Rights in practice
- Recognise and seize opportunities
- Protect rights
- Be aware of UK and EU competition law in theory and practice

The course aims to ensure delegates leave with a full range of information and skills in this area and know what action to take to ensure their business' documentation contains the essential protection needed to ensure rights are kept and enhanced.

Key topics covered

1. Introduction to intellectual property

- Patents
- Trade marks
- Designs
- Copyright
- Interaction between the various rights
- Ensuring full value and avoiding disputes

2. Patents

- Registered patents for inventions in the UK and abroad
- What is protected by patent?
- Cost and value of patenting
- When to apply for patents
- How to ensure inventions are properly protected
- Licensing and exploitation of patents

3. Confidential Information and non-disclosure agreements

- Practical guidance and group exercise
- Which information is confidential?
- Risks of disclosure
- Enforcement of NDA's
- Litigation issues
- Employee and other contracts and non-competition restrictions
- Ensuring NDA's are effective



4. Licensing Agreements and contract issues for IP licensing

- R&D agreements
- Relevant law and management of IP rights
- Commercial protection in contract clauses
- Ensuring rights are properly exploited and full royalties are paid for their use
- EU and UK competition rules
- Licensing agreements including the EU Technology Transfer Block Exemption Regulation

5. Copyright

- Including rights in computer software and software licence agreements
- Computer software and copyright law
- What notices to place on documents
- Ownership issues and disputes
- Importance of contractual clauses in agreements

6. Other IP rights

- Trade marks and design rights
- Protection for names, sounds, colours, logos, shape of goods and their packaging by trade mark law
- Protection for unregistered rights by way of the law of passing off
- Protection of the appearance of articles by design right
- Registered design right protection in the UK and EU