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Dear Member,

Lunchtime Meeting at Arnold & Porter LLP on 14 January at 12:45pm

The CLA will be holding a lunchtime meeting on **Thursday 14th January** at **Arnold & Porter LLP**, Tower 42, 25 Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1HQ. Registration for the event will start at 12:30pm and the talk will begin at 12:45pm.

Robin Stout of the **Intellectual Property Office** has kindly agreed to speak on the following subject:

"EU Copyright Reforms and what they mean for the UK"

The EU's upcoming copyright reforms are part of the European Commission's Digital Single Market strategy for the EU. A particular area of interest, where there is an interface between copyright and competition law, is in relation to cross-border access to copyright materials, where the Commission is planning some specific copyright measures, starting with proposals for a Regulation on "portability" of content (enabling people to access online content which they've subscribed to at home when they are in another EU Member State). These were published on 9 December. Other measures relating to cross-border licensing are expected in 2016. Robin Stout has kindly agreed to give a talk on these proposals, which it is hoped will generate contributions from those attending.

Robin Stout is Deputy Director of Copyright Policy at the UK's Intellectual Property Office, which is the Government agency responsible for intellectual property policy. His team develops policy on a range of issues relating to UK and international copyright, including the current European copyright reforms and negotiations at the World Intellectual Property Organization. Under the previous Government he was responsible for implementing a number of the reforms to copyright which were recommended by the Hargreaves Review of intellectual property.

Robin has a background in European and international IP negotiations, including the Marrakesh Treaty for blind, visually impaired and print disabled people, the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement, and the Agreement on a Unified Patent Court.

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A sandwich lunch will be provided before the talk. There is no additional charge for members. There will be a charge for non-members: £50, or £35 (full time academic/public sector employees), or £10 (students, trainees, pupil barristers). Registrations should be completed and (where applicable) paid online at www.competitionlawassociation.org.uk. One CPD point will be available.

On-line registration will close on Wednesday 13 January 2016. Tickets will not be issued for this event.

With Kind Regards,

Sharon Horwitz
Secretary

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