



## Competition Law Association

British Group of the  
Ligue Internationale du Droit de la Concurrence  
(International League for Competition Law)

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Dear Member

### Lunchtime Webinar: Friday 16 July 2021 at 12.00pm

The CLA will be holding a lunchtime webinar on **Friday 16 July** from 12.30 to 1.30pm.

**Edward Oates** and **Natalia Wegner-Cribbs** have kindly agreed to speak on the following subject:

### “SPCs – where are we now?”

*This webinar will start with an introduction to SPCs, followed by a summary of recent developments. It will end with a discussion of issues that remain unresolved despite nearly 30 years of law in the area, including points that often give rise to competition law considerations.*

**Edward Oates** is a Partner at Carpmaels & Ransford LLP. Ed practises in the life sciences field, with a particular focus on pharmaceuticals, from small molecule inventions through to later stage developments. He has worked on numerous marketed products across a variety of fields, including some of the world’s most valuable medicines of recent times. Ed has been the lead defence advocate on some of the biggest multi-party oppositions to have taken place at the European Patent Office in the life sciences field, up against fourteen opponents for Novartis and fifteen opponents for Johnson & Johnson. Ed also has extensive experience in patent lifecycle management, advising clients on supplementary protection certificates (SPCs), paediatric extensions and regulatory exclusivities. He has a detailed knowledge of SPC law and has co-ordinated many complex pan-European SPC portfolios.

**Natalia Wegner-Cribbs** is a Senior Associate at Carpmaels & Ransford LLP. Natalia specialises in complex biotechnological subject matter, in particular cell and gene therapies, nucleic acid technologies, antibody-based drugs and engineered therapeutic proteins. She handles mainly European prosecution and opposition cases which often involve multiple parties and associated ongoing or looming disputes. Natalia has particular experience in obtaining and defending key patents in relation to commercially valuable products and technologies, as well as advising on and attacking competitors’ IP. A large part of Natalia’s work also involves advising on SPCs, and she has been closely involved in high profile SPC litigation nationally and at the CJEU.

There is no additional charge for members. **There will be a charge of £10 for all non-members.**

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<https://www.competitionlawassociation.org.uk/newevents.htm>

Joining details will be circulated via email upon registration.

**Note:** if you would like to put any questions to our speakers, you can do so in advance via email and by no later than Wednesday 14 July to the CLA Administrator ([admin@competitionlawassociation.org.uk](mailto:admin@competitionlawassociation.org.uk)).

Online registration will close on Thursday 15 July.

With kind regards

**Sharon Horwitz**  
Secretary

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