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Dear Member

Evening Meeting: Wednesday 7 February 2024 at 6:00 pm

The CLA will be holding an evening meeting on **Wednesday 7 February** at Browne Jacobson LLP, 15th Floor, 6 Bevis Marks, London EC3A 7BA. Registration will open at 6:00pm and the talk will begin promptly at 6.15pm.

Nick Zweck has kindly agreed to speak on the following:

“What IP lawyers need to know about the Retained EU Law Act”

After a contentious journey through Parliament, the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 is now in force. It will bring important changes in how the UK courts approach retained EU law.

As practitioners will be well aware, much of our IP law in the UK derives from EU Regulations and Directives and CJEU jurisprudence, and over the course of 20 years that has led over time to some controversial changes to UK law: for instance, the decision in L’Oreal v Bellure, which had a significant impact on “copycat” packaging, was followed “with regret” by the Court of Appeal. Indeed, the Court of Appeal in Industrial Cleaning Equipment v Intelligent Cleaning Equipment [2023] EWCA Civ 1451 has, using earlier (and more limited) powers, recently departed from Budvar, a decision that would have been binding had the UK remained in the EU.

There is also of course ongoing litigation about the extent to which the Cofemel decision changes UK law about 3D copyright.

These powers to depart have now been significantly expanded under the Retained EU Law Act, and how they are used may have far-reaching effects on the development of UK IP law.

In this talk, Nick Zweck will discuss the new powers the courts have and give us his (preliminary!) view of the likely impact that these will have on UK IP law.

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Nick Zweck is a barrister at Hogarth Chambers. Nick's practice encompasses all areas of intellectual property law and related commercial law, including contractual disputes and tortious claims concerning technical subject matter. He appears regularly in patent, trade mark, copyright, confidential information and contractual matters in the High Court and IPEC, and in registry proceedings in the UKIPO. He has also appeared as sole counsel in appeal proceedings in the General Court of the CJEU, and in arbitral proceedings.

Before coming to the Bar, Nick accumulated over a decade of experience as an IP litigation solicitor specialising in patent litigation at several leading intellectual property firms in London, where he worked on and managed a number of leading cases. He has a wealth of legal experience and commercial understanding, having worked closely with solicitor teams, experts and clients on all aspects of the litigation process, from pre-action strategic planning to trial or settlement.

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The session will be followed by refreshments. There is no additional charge for members. There will be a registration fee for non-members: £50 (full rate); £35 (full time academic/public sector employees); £10 (students, trainees, pupil barristers).

Online registration will close midday on Tuesday 6 February.

With kind regards

Sharon Horwitz
Secretary