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# Seminar on European Patent Practice relating to the Patenting of Computer Software & FAQs in Intellectual Property Transactions

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# INTRODUCTION

Present talk will cover an overview of the European Patent Practice, including issues relating to the Patenting of Computer Software by IP expert John Brunner who is Partner at Carpmaels & Ransford, a leading Patent & Trade Mark Attorneys Firm in London. Specializing in computer- and telecommunications-related technology, software and business methods, John has been highly successful in obtaining valuable patents for a variety of software and IT businesses.

Most countries place some limits on the patenting of invention involving software, but there is no legal definition of a software patent. There is intense debate over the extent to which software patents should be granted, if at all. This is an area where patent protection in Europe is increasingly desirable, but fraught with difficulty.

Another highlight of the talk will be answers to FAQs in Intellectual Property Transactions by Simon Keevey-Kothari who is an associate at Carpmaels & Ransford, a leading Patent & Trade Mark Attorneys Firm in London. Simon's extensive experience with the IP aspects of research and development means he is particularly well placed to assist clients in relation to contracts surrounding research projects and technology-related legal issues.

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TALK SCHEDULE					
Date	Timing	Duration	Session title	Speakers	
3rd Oct 2012	15.45-16.00	15 min	Registration & Tea		
	16.00-16.15	15 min	Welcome note and introduction of the speakers		
	16.15-17.00	45 min	European Patent Practice, including issues relating to the Patenting of Computer Software	John Brunner	
	17.00-17.30	30 min	FAQs in Intellectual Property  Transactions	Simon Keevey- Kothari	



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## **SPEAKERS:**



Simon Keevey-Kothari

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Associate

Carpmaels & Ransford, Patent & Trade Mark Attorneys, London.

Simon's academic background comprises an undergraduate degree in biological sciences, after which he pursued legal studies, and was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in London in 1996. He dealt with all manner of technology transfer contracts surrounding research collaborations and the formation of spin-out companies, as well drafting and negotiating research-based IP contracts including material transfer agreements (MTAs), confidentiality agreements (NDAs), patent and knowhow licences, and assignments, as well as the IP terms of larger corporate transaction documents. His extensive experience with the IP aspects of research and development means he is particularly well placed to assist clients in relation to contracts surrounding research projects and technology-related legal issues.

Simon has given numerous talks on technology transfer and the commercialisation and protection of intellectual property. He has also contributed to or co-authored a number of well-received IP-related publications, including *Intellectual Property Management in Health and Agricultural Innovation: a handbook of best practices* (2007; Centre for Management of Intellectual Property in Health Research and Development, Oxford, and University of California, Davis) and *Drafting Confidentiality Agreements* (2004; Law Society Publishing).

John Brunner

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Carpmaels & Ransford, Patent & Trade Mark Attorneys, London.

MEng (Hons) (Oxon) (Engineering Science), Chartered Patent Attorney, European Patent Attorney, European Design Attorney, Certificate in IP Law, Council Member at Association Internationale pour la Protection de la Propriété Intellectuelle (AIPPI UK)

John was described as a "rising star" by the Legal 500 in its 2009 edition, and was cited by both Legal 500 and Managing Intellectual Property in the 2011 handbooks.

Specialising in computer- and telecommunications-related technology, software and business methods, John has been highly successful in obtaining valuable patents for a variety of software and IT businesses. This is an area where patent protection in Europe is increasingly desirable, but fraught with difficulty. Prosecution of patent applications that read onto established industry standards requires particular experience and John has being doing this over many years for 3G, 3GPP (LTE), 4G, DVB, DDR (SDRAM), as well as numerous others.

In *inter partes* opposition proceedings at the European Patent Office, John has an enviable record in revoking competitor patents in the IT and telecommunications fields, as well as in defending his clients' patents when these have been opposed.

John also has considerable experience of medical device technology, particularly drug delivery systems and analyte measurement devices. He advises a range of companies from start-ups to multi-nationals on more general IP issues including infringement and enforcement of patents and design rights, and licensing issues.

John is an Engineering graduate of Oxford University and a council member of the UK Group of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI). Prior to joining Carpmaels & Ransford and qualifying as a patent attorney, he worked for a leading technology product development consultancy in Cambridge.



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## ABOUT IPFACE



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