

THREE NEW SQUARE

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY



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Year of Call: 2018

PRACTICE AREAS

All aspects of Intellectual Property law, including patents, SPCs, trade marks, passing off, copyright, designs, confidential information and contractual disputes involving intellectual property or technical subject matter.

EDUCATION

- 2018 – 2019: 12 month pupillage at Three New Square to Miles Copeland, Dominic Hughes, Jeremy Heald, Tom Hinchliffe QC and Stuart Baran
- 2016 – 2018: Outstanding, Bar Professional Training Course; Graduate Diploma in Law – City, University of London
- 2011 – 2016: First Class Hons, MBiochem Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry – University of Oxford
- Inner Temple GDL and BPTC Exhibition Awards, 2016 / 2017
- City Law School Academic Scholar, 2016
- Mary Lunt Prize in Practical Biochemistry, 2016
- St Hugh's College Final Honour School Prize, 2016

CASES

Alice joined Chambers upon completion of her pupillage in September 2019. She is building a practice across all areas of intellectual property, and has been instructed in matters involving patents, SPCs, trade marks, passing off and copyright, involving parties from an array of industries.

Selected cases:

Illumina v MGI (ongoing) – second trial in this action relating to a patent for DNA polymerases for use in DNA sequencing.

Sandoz v Bristol-Myers Squibb (ongoing) – patents actions relating to the anticoagulant drug apixaban.

NHS EwNI v Warner-Lambert (ongoing) – acting for the NHS England, Wales and NI parties in the damages inquiry arising from the litigation over the second medical use patent for pregabalin.

Company A v Company B (ongoing) – High Court trade mark, passing off and breach of contract dispute concerning a fashion brand (unled).

Illumina v MGI ([2021] EWHC 57 (Pat)) – multiple patents action concerning DNA sequencing technologies, led at trial by Tom Mitcheson QC and Miles Copeland in respect of the nucleotide patents, and by Tom Hinchliffe QC and Isabel Jamal in respect of the fluorescence patents.

Black Sheep Brewery v Conilon – trade mark and passing off dispute relating to alcoholic beverages and premises selling the same.

Glaxo v Glenmark and Celon – trade mark / passing off dispute concerning the 3D shape of Glaxo's inhalers, including issues of validity, infringement and declarations of non-infringement, which settled shortly before trial.

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As a pupil, Alice assisted her pupil supervisors and other Members of Chambers in a broad range of intellectual property disputes before the High Court, IPEC, Court of Appeal, CJEU and UKIPO and was also involved in the early stages of an arbitration.

A selection of cases contributed to during pupillage:

- Allergan v Accord and Aspire - six day pharmaceutical patent trial concerning the validity (obviousness) of a formulation patent for the ophthalmic drug bimatoprost.
- Conversant v Huawei - assisted in the early stages of this telecoms patents dispute concerning essentiality, validity, infringement and FRAND issues for multiple patents.
- Dyson v SharkNinja - preparation for the trial of this High Court trade mark / comparative advertising litigation, which settled shortly before trial.
- Eli Lilly v MSD - assisted in the early stages of this pharmaceutical patent action prior to its settlement. The case involved issues of validity (priority, novelty, obviousness, insufficiency) and infringement of a patent concerning anti-IL23 antibodies for the treatment of autoimmune diseases.
- Glaxo v Sandoz and Vectura - three week passing off trial in the High Court in relation to the colour purple on inhalers. Involved passing off by equivalence in the particular context of the pharmaceutical sector with issues around the regulatory and market conditions.
- Novartis v Dr Reddy's - assisted in resisting this application for an interim injunction in relation to a patent for a breast cancer drug.
- Rhodia v Molycorp - resisting an appeal in the Court of Appeal against the judge's finding on sufficiency in this case relating to a patent concerned with ceric oxides for use in vehicle exhaust catalysts.
- Sky v Skykick - CJEU preliminary reference in Luxembourg addressing the requirement of sufficient clarity and precision of a trade mark's specification of goods and services and whether lack of an intention to use a mark at the time of application constitutes bad faith.

OTHER

- 2021 – date: member of the Attorney General's Civil Panel Counsel Junior Juniors Scheme
- 2021 – date: contributing author to Terrell on the Law of Patents (currently on its 19th edition)

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