

THREE NEW SQUARE

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY



BETHANY HALBARD

Year of Call: 2025

PRACTICE AREA

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

Bethany graduated from the University of Bristol with a first-class degree in Physics. She then achieved distinctions in each of an Economics, Finance and Management MSc, a Postgraduate Diploma in Law and a Postgraduate Diploma in Bar Practice.

INSTRUCTED CASES

At the start of July 2026, Bethany was offered tenancy to take effect from 28th September 2026. Since then, she has been instructed on a number of matters including:

- ***Snap v. Dolby and Access Advance (ongoing)*** – F/RAND action involving video codec
- ***Janssen-Cilag v. USA and 2Seventy Bio (ongoing)*** – pharmaceutical patent action relating to CAR-T therapy, raising issues of obviousness, sufficiency and plausibility.
- ***Elizabeth Davenport v. Spicerhaart (resolved)*** – instructed unled on copyright matter in IPEC, completed skeleton argument involving issues of quantum.

SELECTION OF CASES OBSERVED/ CONTRIBUTED TO DURING PUPILLAGE

PATENTS

- ***Accord v. Novartis [2026] EWHC 2127 (Pat)*** - valsartan / sacubitril combination therapy for heart failure (Entresto), raising issues of plausibility, obviousness, collocation and SPC issues. Helped with the preparation of closing submissions.
- ***Aristo v. Takeda (ongoing)*** – SPC validity involving the novel issue of prodrugs.
- ***Samsung v. ZTE (Technical Trial A)*** – the first technical trial of this FRAND action. The case was concerned with the initial access signals used in 5G New Radio standard.
- ***Amazon v. Interdigital (ongoing)*** – FRAND proceedings concerning video patents. Observed various application including disclosure.
- ***ToolGen v. Vertex (ongoing)*** – pharmaceutical patent action involving CRISPR gene editing technology.
- ***MSD v. Halozyme (ongoing)*** – patent action regarding dispute over subcutaneous (under-the-skin) drug delivery technology.
- ***Pfizer and BioNTech v GSK (ongoing)*** – multi-Patent action over mRNA vaccination technology.
- ***Abbott v. Sinocare (ongoing)*** – patent action concerning CGM (continuous glucose monitors).
- ***Fujikura v. Sterlite [2025] EWHC 3181 (Pat)*** – technical patent relating to fibre optic cables: obviousness, sufficiency and collocation.

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TRADE MARKS/ PASSING OFF/ DESIGNS/ COPYRIGHT

- ***Jo Malone v. ITX*** (*ongoing*) – trademark dispute involving brand name and personal name issues.

EDUCATION

- 2025-2026: 12-month pupillage at Three New Square, to Katherine Moggridge, Jeremy Heald, Daniel Selmi and Stuart Baran covering all aspects of Intellectual Property law.
- 2024-2025: Bar Course at the Inns of Court College of Advocacy: Distinction.
- 2022-2023: GDL at BPP University: Distinction
- 2021-2022: Economics, Finance and Management MSc, University of Bristol: Distinction. Dissertation focused on the platform business model of Meta and how Meta is actively trying to change the future of social media.
- 2018-2021: Physics BSc, University of Bristol: First Class (Hons). Head of School Commendation for outstanding performance in final year project, which discussed the internal structure of semi solid materials and their future commercial applications.

PRIZES / AWARDS

- Gray's Inn Olufolake Solanke BPTC scholarship (2023)
- GDL Scholarship awarded by BPP Law School (2022)
- Head of School Final Year Research Project Prize for Physics BSs (2021).

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