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Oxford Intellectual Property
Research Centre



Postgraduate Diploma in
**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW AND
PRACTICE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL** 2017–18





The Oxford Diploma in IP Law and Practice is a postgraduate vocational course for people embarking on a career in IP law and practice. It is a one-year, part-time course designed to give junior practitioners a grounding in the fundamentals of IP law and practice. It is taught by senior practitioners and academics, and represents a unique collaboration between the Oxford Law Faculty and the Intellectual Property Lawyers' Association.

The path to professional practice in Intellectual Property

The Diploma is an intellectually rigorous academic and professional development programme in an area of enormous national and international importance. It will suit anyone seeking to build a career specializing as a lawyer in IP, whether or not they have previously studied IP.

The Diploma comprises a two-week residential programme held in September at Merton College, Oxford, and a series of weekend workshops held from October to June in London law firms. It is taught by a mix of practising and academic lawyers, and covers the full range of IP subjects (including Patents, Trade Marks, Unfair Competition and Passing Off, Trade Secrets, Designs, Copyright and Moral Rights) as well as key aspects of litigious and non-litigious IP practice and procedure.

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The Oxford Law Faculty

Law has been taught in Oxford for some 850 years. For centuries Law meant Roman Law, then in 1758 Sir William Blackstone became the first Vinerian Professor of English Law and brought the common law into the university. Since then Oxford has been home to many of the key figures of the modern common law.

Today the Faculty keeps faith with its history. The study of the common law, including its interaction with modern legislation and regulation, is central to our pursuits. But our work has also been enriched by strengths in other areas, such as Comparative Law, the Philosophy of Law, International Law, European Law, and most recently Intellectual Property Law. Those strengths have been further extended and enhanced by involvement with a range of specialist and multidisciplinary Centres in Criminology, Socio-Legal Studies, European and Comparative Law, Competition, Taxation, and Intellectual Property, making Oxford unsurpassed as a place for multidisciplinary work connected with the Law and its development.

The Law Faculty has a distinguished reputation in research and publications in Law. The Research Excellence Framework 2014 reported that substantially more top-rated research activity went on in Law at Oxford than in any other university in the country. Oxford was ranked second in the world in the 2014 QS World University rankings and was ranked first in the UK.

WELCOME FROM
Professor Anne Davies
Dean of the Faculty of Law



“Welcome to the Oxford Diploma in Intellectual Property Law and Practice.

This unique programme serves as the foundation for a career in an exciting and increasingly vital field of the law. Intellectual Property has a distinctive structure, and a distinctive set of intellectual challenges. Yet IP Law also needs to be understood in light of allied fields including competition law, the law of tax, and the law of finance. Students in the Diploma programme learn to master the challenges of this discipline in their widest context in law, in legal practice, and in commerce. And they reach that point through intensive work with senior practitioners and academics at the frontiers of the field.

Oxford has long been a world-leading centre for the study of the common law, and it is now a powerhouse in the study of 21st-century international financial and commercial legal regimes. The Diploma programme is a brilliant opportunity for us to work with students who will become leaders in the profession in the practice of IP law, and also to work with the senior specialists in the practice of IP Law who will teach in the residential programme and weekend workshops. We are delighted to welcome you as members of the community of Oxford lawyers.”



Intellectual Property at Oxford

The Oxford Diploma in Intellectual Property Law & Practice is unique in many respects. But two are particularly important... first, the course is comprehensive in scope... second, it is both designed and taught in close collaboration between leading academics and practitioners.



The university's intellectual property research community is built around the Oxford Intellectual Property Research Centre (OIPRC). The Centre provides a focus within the University for multi-disciplinary, advanced research into all aspects of intellectual property.

The OIPRC was established in 1990 at St Peter's College by Faculty member Peter Hayward, with an initial gift from the Hitachi Foundation. In the 1990s, it developed a visitors programme and multidisciplinary (law and economics) research agenda. In 1998 Peter Hayward retired, and Professor David Vaver became Director of the Centre. In October 2008 the OIPRC became a Centre of the University of Oxford's Faculty of Law, taking its place alongside a growing number of multidisciplinary Centres.

The current Director of the Centre is Professor Graeme Dinwoodie and there are eleven academic members from Law, Economics, Politics, the Business School, and the Oxford Internet Institute. The Centre organises a weekly seminar series, a visiting researchers' programme, periodic conferences and workshops, and a hugely successful annual international moot that brings together practitioners, students and academics to address current problems in the field. There is also a fortnightly student-led discussion group which has attracted some high quality speakers. Students on the Diploma are encouraged to participate in the events organised by the Centre.





**Professor Graeme
Dinwoodie**

*Professor of
Intellectual Property
and Information
Technology Law*

WELCOME FROM THE COURSE DIRECTOR

The Oxford Diploma in Intellectual Property Law & Practice is unique in many respects. But two are particularly important, and these reflect the challenges of contemporary intellectual property law and practice. First, the course is comprehensive in scope. Intellectual property law is increasingly complex, putting pressure on practitioners to specialise in narrow fields of the discipline. Yet, problems in practice rarely arise so neatly. The Oxford Diploma offers coverage of all the substantive IP regimes. And it treats the material in a variety of important contexts (domestic and international, litigation and transactional). Second, it is both designed and taught in close collaboration between leading academics and practitioners. The growing complexity of intellectual property law makes a fundamental appreciation of the underlying legal principles essential to top-level practice. And the fast-changing commercial and technological environment in which intellectual property operates makes exposure to practice significant for any proper academic understanding of the subject-matter. The Oxford Diploma facilitates this essential interaction of law and practice through the close involvement of leading members of the legal profession in the design and teaching of the course. The result is a course in intellectual property law and practice that is second to none. We look forward to seeing you in Oxford.

THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION (IPLA)

Founded in 1982 as the Patent Solicitors Association, the IPLA is a professional association representing law firms with significant practises in Intellectual Property. Its members include the top-ranking specialist IP firms in the UK, which are responsible for the majority of IP litigation undertaken in the UK today.

One of the central objectives of the IPLA is to support the professional development and education of IP practitioners in the UK. The IPLA cooperated for many years with the University of Bristol's one-year Postgraduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Law and Practice. In 2008 the IPLA began its present collaboration with the University of Oxford. Each course has shared the primary aim of delivering high-quality education of relevance to IP practice through combined practitioner and academic teaching.

Oxford Residential Programme

Week 1 Sunday 3 September to Friday 8 September 2017

SUNDAY 3 September	MONDAY 4 September	TUESDAY 5 September	WEDNESDAY 6 September	THURSDAY 7 September	FRIDAY 8 September
	08.30–09.00 Registration				
	09.00–09.15 Welcome	09.00–10.45 Patents (Validity)	09.00–10.45 Trade Secrets	09.00–10.45 Passing off & Unfair competition	09.00–10.30 Trade Marks (Revocation and Invalidity)
	09.15–10.45 Patents – What are they? What are they for? How do we get one?				
	10.45–11.15 Break	10.45–11.15 Break	10.45–11.15 Break	10.45–11.15 Break	10.30–11.00 Break
	11.15–12.45 Patents (Construction & infringement)	11.15–12.45 Patents (Validity)	11.15–12.45 Patent Litigation	11.15–12.45 Passing off & Unfair competition	11.00–12.45 Trade Marks: (Enforcement I)
	12.45–13.45 Lunch	12.45–13.45 Lunch	12.45–13.45 Lunch	12.45–13.45 Lunch	12.45–13.30 Lunch
	13.45–15.15 Patents (Infringement & relief)	13.45–14.45 Patents (Validity)	13.45–15.15 Patent Litigation	13.45–15.45 Trade Marks (Registrability)	13.30–15.00 Trade Marks (Enforcement II)
	15.15–15.45 Break	14.45–15.15 Break	15.15–15.45 Break	15.45–16.15 Break	15.00–15.15 Break
15.30–16.00 Registration	15.45–17.15 Patents (Defences)	15.15–17.15 SPCs and Healthcare Regulation	15.45–17.15 Patent Litigation	16.15–17.45 Trade Marks (Registration: domestic and international)	15.15–16.00 Trade Marks (Enforcement II)
16.00–18.00 Introductory Overview (recommended)					16.00–17.00 (Exhaustion)
18.00–19.00 Registration					
Drinks & Dinner from 19.00					

Week 2 Monday 11 September to Friday 15 September 2017

MONDAY 11 September	TUESDAY 12 September	WEDNESDAY 13 September	THURSDAY 14 September	FRIDAY 15 September
08.45–10.45 Copyright (Subsistence & originality)	09.00–10.30 Rights in databases	08.45–10.45 Ownership	09.00–10.30 Tax	09.00–10.45 Corporate Transactions
10.45–11.15 Break	10.30–11.00 Break	10.45–11.15 Break	10.30–11.00 Break	10.45–11.15 Break
11.15–12.45 Copyright (Ownership, duration)	11.00–12.45 Designs	11.15–12.45 International & European aspects (Overview)	11.00–12.45 Litigation (non-patent)	11.15–12.45 Licensing
12.45–13.45 Lunch	12.45–13.45 Lunch	12.45–13.45 Lunch	12.45–13.45 Lunch	12.45–13.30 Lunch
13.45–15.30 Copyright (Infringement & defences)	13.45–15.30 Designs	13.45–15.15 International & European aspects (Private International Law)	13.45–15.00 Litigation (non-patent)	13.30–15.15 Competition Law & IP
15.30–16.00 Break	15.30–16.00 Break	15.15–15.45 Break	15.00–15.30 Break	15.15–15.30 Break
16.00–17.30 Copyright (infringement & defences)	16.00–17.30 Designs	15.45–17.30 International & European Aspects (Private International Law)	15.30–16.30 Litigation (non-patent)	15.30–17.00 Competition Law & IP

This programme may be subject to changes.



Teachers on the Residential Programme

Robert Anderson – *Hogan Lovells*

Sara Ashby – *Redd*

Christopher Benson – *Taylor Wessing*

Michael Browne – *Redd*

Anna Carboni – *Redd*

Miranda Cass – *Bristows*

Brian Cordery – *Bristows*

Jeremy Dickerson – *Burges Salmon*

Andrew Dickinson – *University of Oxford*

Graeme Dinwoodie – *University of Oxford*

Stefan Enchelmaier – *University of Oxford*

Sally Field – *Bristows*

Rowan Freeland – *Simmons & Simmons*

Dev Gangjee – *University of Oxford*

Michael Gavey – *Simmons & Simmons*

Paul Harris – *Venner Shipley*

Myles Jelf – *Bristows*

Stephen Jones – *Temple Hill*

John Linneker – *SNR Denton*

Angus McLean – *Simmons & Simmons*

David Musker – *RGC Jenkins & Co*

Marjan Noor – *Simmons & Simmons*

Scott Parker – *Simmons & Simmons*

Hamish Sandison – *Field Fisher Waterhouse*

Catriona Smith

Ravi Srinivasan – *JA Kemp*

Pat Treacy – *Bristows*

Sarah Turner – *Hogan Lovells*

Justin Watts – *Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer*

Philip Westmacott – *Bristows*

London Weekend Workshops

The nine weekend workshops in 2017-18 will be held on the following dates:

Workshop 1 (Trade Marks & Passing Off):	7 October 2017
Workshop 2 (Patents 1):	11 November 2017
Workshop 3 (Patents 2):	13 January 2018
Workshop 4 (IP Aspects of Commercial Transactions):	24 February 2018
Workshop 5 (Copyright):	10 March 2018
Workshop 6 (Designs):	14 April 2018
Workshop 7 (Revision 1):	2 June 2018
Workshop 8 (Revision 2):	9 June 2018

Assessment

The Diploma is assessed by five written assignments and two two-hour written public examinations.

In 2017-18, the assessment timetable will be:

Assignment 1 (Trade Marks and Passing Off):	due 3 November 2017
Assignment 2 (Patents 1):	due 8 December 2017
Assignment 3 (Patents 2):	due 9 February 2018
Assignment 4 (Copyright):	due 6 April 2018
Assignment 5 (Designs):	due 11 May 2018
Final exams:	in June 2018

Timeline 2017–18

Timeline for Postgraduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Law and Practice

12 noon (UK time) 14 July 2017 — Deadline for applications

By 28 July 2017 — Notification of outcome of applications

3 September 2017 – 15 September 2017
Oxford Residential Programme at
Merton College

7 October 2017 — Workshop 1:
Trade Marks & Passing Off

3 November 2017 — Deadline for coursework
assignment Trade Marks & Passing Off

11 November 2017 — Workshop 2: Patents 1

8 December 2017 — Deadline for coursework
assignment Patents 1

13 January 2018 — Workshop 3: Patents 2

9 February 2018 — Deadline for coursework
assignment Patents 2

24 February 2018 — Workshop 4: IP Aspects of
Commercial Transactions

10 March 2018 — Workshop 5: Copyright

6 April 2018 — Deadline for coursework
assignment Copyright

14 April 2018 — Workshop 6: Designs

11 May 2018 — Deadline for coursework
assignment Designs

2 June 2018 — Workshop 7: Revision 1

9 June 2018 — Workshop 9: Revision 2

June 2018 — Exams – two 2-hour exams

June 2018 — End of year drinks



Teaching and accommodation spaces

The residential programme will be held at Merton College, Oxford.

Merton College, the first fully self-governing College in the University, was founded in 1264 by Walter de Merton, sometime Chancellor of England and later Bishop of Rochester. Mob Library, in the College's first Quad, Mob Quad, is the oldest continuously functioning library for university academics and students in the world. The College was originally founded for twenty fellows, with undergraduates being formally admitted in the early 1380s. It was then that John Wylot, a former fellow and subwarden, endowed a number of scholarships known at Merton as postmasterships. Over the centuries, many eminent scholars and cultural leaders have called Merton home. They include four Nobel Prize winners, TS Eliot, JRR Tolkien, the mathematician who solved Fermat's Last Theorem, the physician who discovered the circulation of blood, and the founder of the Bodleian Library.

Today there are approximately 300 undergraduates and 350 graduate students at Merton College. Merton students have a well-earned reputation for academic excellence, with Merton regularly scoring highly on the Norrington Table. As soon as you step through the ancient Lodge Gate, you enter an enclave of learning and contemplation and because the College has continuously evolved to suit the needs of cutting-edge research and education, it is no surprise that its diverse buildings boast modern convenience as well as traditional grandeur suitable for any event.

As students of the Oxford Law Faculty, Diploma candidates will have access to the Law Bodleian Library. Candidates staying in College during the residential programme will also have access to College facilities.

Admissions procedure

Enrolments for the Diploma will be capped at 60. The application deadline is **12 noon (UK time) Friday 14 July 2017**. This is an absolute deadline. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered. To be considered for admission, applicants will need to satisfy the following criteria:

1. Intellectual ability:

A good undergraduate degree (at least 2:1) or equivalent will be required.

2. Professional experience:

It is anticipated that candidates will be trainee or newly qualified solicitors or barristers with a UK Law Firm or Chambers embarking on a career in IP, although other equivalent professional qualifications will be considered.

3. English language proficiency:

The programme will be taught in English, as a result of which English language proficiency at the TOEFL standard of 630 points (minimum test of written English score of 5.0) or the IELTS standard of 7.5 points (minimum 7.0 per component) will need to be shown by those for whom English is not a first language.

In order to be considered for the 2017-2018 programme, applications must include the following supporting documents:

1. a transcript or degree certificate which indicates the overall classification/grade of your degree (the Faculty reserves the right to request transcripts from individual applicants);
2. a statement of purpose of up to 500 words (applicants will not be penalised for writing fewer than 500 words) which explains your reasons for applying; your future career intentions and the contribution you expect the Diploma to make to your career development;
3. a curriculum vitae (CV);
4. details of three referees as well as written references from two of them; and
5. original English language test results (if applicable).

Applications should be made via the University's [online application form](#). There is an application fee of £75 per course application. Further details about how to pay this, and other information about filling in the form can be found in the University's Application Guide. Upon submission of your application, you should receive email confirmation from the University's Online Application System. If you do not receive this, please contact the Diploma Administrator. Please indicate in your statement of purpose whether you would prefer to make your own accommodation arrangements for the residential programme.



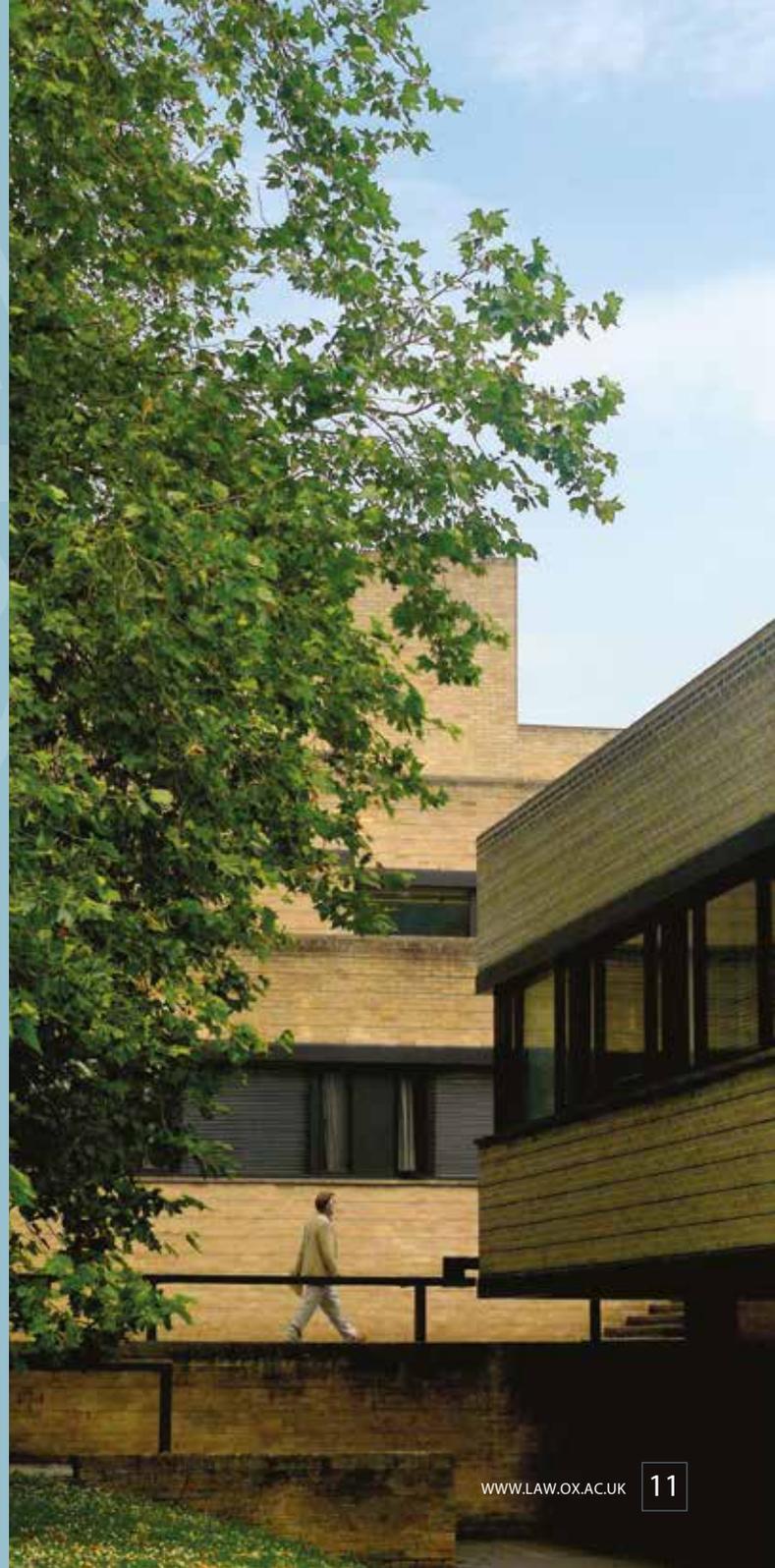
Cost

The Diploma fee is **£7,400** and covers: tuition; course materials; assessment and supervision; lunch and refreshments during the residential programme and a formal College dinner at the start of the residential programme. It does not cover accommodation.

Students are strongly encouraged to stay at Merton College during the residential programme. Successful applicants who do not opt-out of accommodation at the time of applying will have accommodation at Merton arranged for them for the ten nights from Sunday to Thursday of Week 1 and Sunday to Thursday of Week 2 at a cost of £993 (including breakfast and dinner). Applicants may also request College accommodation for the weekend in between, at an extra charge of £84 per night (bed and breakfast only). Please indicate this in your statement of purpose.

Subject to availability, applications will be considered for attendance at the residential programme only. Residential programme attendees are not examined and do not obtain any University qualification. The price of the residential course alone is **£4,103**. Further information, including the application form, is available at <https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/programme/postgraduate-diploma-intellectual-property-law-and-practice>

A cancellation fee of **£150** will be charged on any cancelled booking.



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For further information about the programme, please visit the IP Diploma website at <https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/programme/postgraduate-diploma-intellectual-property-law-and-practice> or contact the Diploma Administrator by email (diploma.administrator@law.ox.ac.uk) or telephone (+44 (0)1865 271 457).

