

Seminar: Jurisdiction in IP Disputes



This seminar is part of the British Institute's seminar series on private international law which will run throughout the Autumn of 2006 and well into 2007 entitled *Private International Law in the UK: Current*

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Date: Monday 22nd January 2007, 15.00 - 17.00

Location: British Institute of International and Comparative Law, Charles Clore House, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5JP

Speakers:

- (Chair) The Rt Hon. Lord Justice Jacob
- Professor Gerrit Betlem, University of Southampton
- Professor Jan Brinkhof, Brinkhof Advocaten
- Michael Silverleaf QC, 11 South Square

Subject matter:

Two ECJ judgments of 13 July 2006 - GAT v. LuK and Roche Nederland BV - have stirred much concern in the patent community. It was ruled that contrary to practice presently established in some Member States the courts in the country of registration are exclusively competent to adjudicate validity, even when the issue of validity only arises as an incidental matter. Further it has been held that it is also not possible to join claims against affiliated companies for coordinated infringement of European bundle patents before the courts in the country where the principal office steering the activities has its seat.

The seminar will feature an in-depth discussion of the implications for the English practice of the recent ECJ cases referred to. It will further explore current issues in England and Wales and other European jurisdictions relative to the subject of jurisdiction in cross-border IP cases.

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