



Heather Lawrence

Called: 1990

Practice

Called to the Bar in 1990, Heather has built a strong practice specialising in all aspects of Intellectual Property and Information Technology law. A strong scientific background enables Heather to understand and deal with the most technical of matters.

In addition to her barrister's practice of advisory and advocacy work, Heather is also an accredited mediator and is on the Specialist IP Panel at ADR Chambers. She has been instructed in mediations as both mediator and counsel.

What the directories say

"Heather is always meticulously thorough in her preparation. This shows in her advocacy, which is quiet and well-mannered, but extremely effective; and her advice is appreciated for its common sense and effectiveness." – Legal 500

"She is admired by sources for her spirited advocacy and incisive cross-examination skills." – Chambers and Partners

"Very capable" and "assertive." – Chambers and Partners

"She has a good grasp of technical patents as well as in soft IP matters." – Legal 500

Education and Qualifications

University of Oxford (Chemistry): BA (1st Class Hons.) MA, DPhil (Dee Scholar)
Thesis: Non-Linear Optical Properties of Novel Organometallic Compounds
Diploma of Law (City University)
Bar Vocational Course (Inns of Court School of Law)
Called (Middle Temple) October 1990 (Major Harmsworth Exhibition)
ADR Specialist Mediation Panel
Civil Mediation Council

Recent & Reported Cases

Environmental Defence Systems Ltd v Synergy Health Plc & Ors [2014] EWHC 1306 (IPEC): patent infringement/validity – process for manufacturing barrage units; preliminary issue on validity

Environmental Recycling Technologies PLC v Upcycle Holdings Ltd [2013] EWPC 4 (Patents County Court): patent validity – process for moulding plastic articles from recycled material

BASF v Sipcarn (UK) UK Ltd [2013] EWHC 2863, 3963 (Patents Court): patent infringement/validity – microcapsule compositions for herbicides; civil procedure; interim injunctions, expedited trials

Select Healthcare (UK) Limited v Cromptons Healthcare Limited: [2011] EWHC 1830 (Pat); patent infringement/validity – patient slide sheets

Wasabi Frog v Miss Boo Limited: [2009] EWHC Civ (High Court); interim injunctions in trade mark infringement and passing off; online retail business and marketing

Siemens Schweiz AG v Thorn Security Limited: [2008] EWCA Civ 1161 (Patents Court, Court of Appeal); patent infringement/validity – protective coatings for PCBs; competing translations of European Patents; effect of non-registration of Swiss-law mergers under s.68 of the Patents Act

Green Lane Ltd v PMS International: [2008] FSR 1, 28 (Patents Court, Court of Appeal); meaning of Article 7(1) of the Community Design Right Regulations 2006

GE Healthcare v PerkinElmer: [2006] EWHC 214 (Patents Court); patent infringement/validity – scintillation proximity tests – assays and measurement

Quiksilver v Charles Robertson: [2005] 1 CMLR 36; [2005] FSR 8 (High Court); trade mark infringement – meaning of “consent” under s.12(1) of the Trade Marks Act 1994 – importation of genuine trademarked goods into the EEA without consent

Nouveau Fabrics v Voyage Distribution: [2004] EWHC 895 (High Court); copyright infringement in fabric designs; inference of copying, rebuttal and reason to believe

Intercase v Time Computers: [2004] ECDR 8 (High Court); passing off and design right infringement – integrated computer desks

Wesley Jessen Corp v CooperVision Ltd: [2003] RPC 20 (Patents County Court); patent infringement/validity – designs for coloured contact lenses

Universities UK (formerly Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom) v Copyright Licensing Agency: [2002] RPC 693 (Copyright Tribunal); how much money should universities be required to pay under a licensing scheme for photocopying of books and journals

Asprey v Garrard Ltd v WRA (GUNS) Ltd: [2002] FSR 477, 487 (High Court, Court of Appeal); trade mark infringement and passing off; scope of the own name defence

Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Company v ATI Atlas & Ors.: [2001] FSR 514 (Patents Court); patent infringement/validity – biological sterility indicators

Nutrinova v Scanchem: [2001] FSR 797 and 831 (Patents Court); patent infringement/validity – chemical method for manufacturing an artificial sweetener

A Fulton Company v Grant Barnett: [2001] RPC 257; [2001] IP & T 244 (High Court); unregistered design right in umbrella handles and cases

Scholes Windows v Magnet: [2000] FSR 432; [2000] IP & T 78 (High Court); unregistered design right – decorative horns for windows

Farmers Build Ltd (in liquidation) v Carier Bulk Materials Handling Ltd [1999] RPC 461 (High Court, Court of Appeal); agricultural slurry separators – the leading case on unregistered design right

Pearce v Ove Arup Partnership [1999] 1 All ER 769 (Court of Appeal); [1997] Ch 293, [1997] 3 All ER 31, [1997] 2 WLR 779, [1997] FSR 641 (High Court); jurisdiction for foreign copyright disputes under the Brussels Convention

Performing Rights Society v British Airways [1998] EMLR 556; [1998] RPC 581; (Copyright Tribunal); performing rights/tariff for in-flight entertainment

British Diabetic Association v Diabetic Society Ltd [1995] 4 All ER 812, [1996] FSR 1 (High Court); passing off/use of descriptive names

Kastner v Rizla Ltd [1995] RPC 585 (Patents County Court, Court of Appeal); patent infringement/validity – machinery for the interleaving of cigarette papers

Boehringer Mannheim GmbH v Genzyme Ltd [1993] FSR 716 (Patents Court); patent infringement/validity (obvious to try) – oligosaccharides used in alpha-amylase assay

Mentor Corporation v Hollister Incorporated [1993] RPC 7 (Patents Court, Court of Appeal); patent infringement/validity (insufficiency) – urinary incontinence devices

Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Company v Rennicks (UK) Ltd [1992] RPC 331 (Patents Court); patent infringement/validity (1949 Act) – retroreflective sheeting

Memberships

Intellectual Property Bar Association (Secretary, 1992-1997)
Chancery Bar Association
Accredited Mediator (ADR Chambers)